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2. . . . We urge these colleges and the appropriate denominational agencies to collaborate in a process of study and action which shall make possible a college education for all our young people who deserve it . . .

3. . . . We recommend that preference be given to colleges related to the Congregational Christian Churches when it is clear that these schools adequately meet the needs of the young people concerned.

4. We recommend that our denomination assume increased responsibility for the financial support of its church-related colleges . . . so that they shall meet the highest academic standards.

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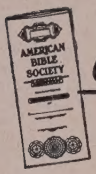

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Dear Reader:

This is the good time of the year when we remember all our friends and look forward to hearing from them. So here is the annual "mailbag edition" of our magazine, drawing us all more closely together in fellowship and aspiration.

This edition of *The Missionary Herald* is filled with letters directly to you from far-flung fields of Christian interest and concern — widely separated across the earth but "nearer than breathing" to the mind and heart of faith and hope and love.

Once again within the lifetime of our generation the United States finds itself cast in a role of leadership such as destiny has seldom thrust on any people. Free men everywhere look upon us as their main hope for the realization of the more abundant life.

In these epistles is distilled the very essence of our Congregational Christian effort and concern. In them you will see an intimate picture, and possess a human casebook, of many of our people, problems and projects.

Behind each sentence is an experience of struggle, a history of sacrifice and a vision of service. These letters to you were not written from a vacuum. Each tells its own story of steadfastness, of bravery — and of crying need.

Altogether they present a vivid and illuminating outlook upon our entire Congregational Christian concern for all the world. They reveal many of the inward needs and outward opportunities that confront us — both at our own hearthsides and wherever there are children of God.

The White House
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To All Congregational Christians:

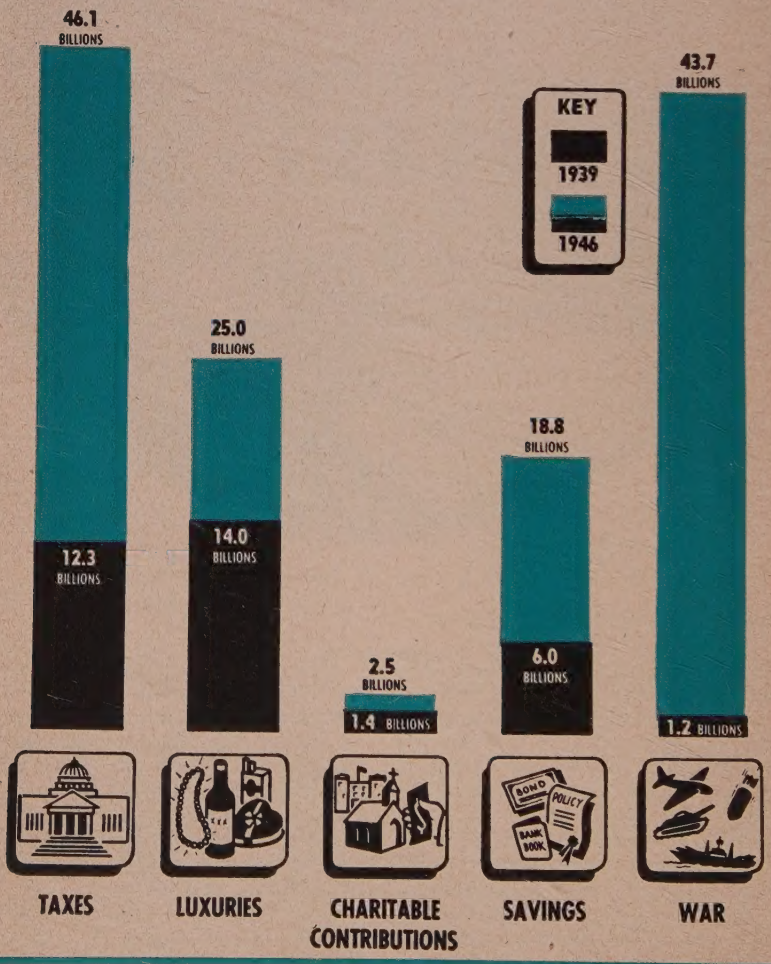
These are days of decision and destiny in the lives of men and nations. Within a single generation our nation has been called to dedicate life and substance in the two greatest, most costly wars of all history. We are the only major power that has passed through these two world holocausts with our borders free from invasion and our factories, our homes, our institutions of both a public and private nature free from the destruction of war.

During this generation our citizens have made marvelous progress in the industrial, scientific and cultural activities of life. But with all thoughtful citizens I am deeply concerned by reports of the lack of any commensurate progress in the moral and financial support that has been forthcoming for our religious, educational and welfare institutions.

Our national income, which was seventy billion dollars in 1920, and dropped to forty-two billion in 1932,

has risen until it has reached unprecedented heights. It was one hundred seventy-eight billion in 1946, more than four times the total income in the depths of the depression in 1932. But the percentage of giving to all church and charity institutions dependent upon voluntary support for their maintenance, which I am informed was 5.3 per cent in 1932, is now reported to be 1.6 per cent at this time of our highest prosperity.

ARE WE CHRISTIAN?



I submit to my fellow citizens that we cannot hope to be worthy of the continued blessing of Providence if our prosperity is used selfishly for our own personal gratification without a more appropriate increase in the voluntary, systematic support of those religious, educational and character-building agencies and institutions upon which the integrity of the nation is based.

NATIONAL INTEGRITY

The United Nations are making an invaluable contribution in holding the governments of nations together in co-operative service. Their task is monumental. But all the statesmanship of the leaders of governments will be of little effect if there is not friendship, goodwill and a sense of brotherhood in the hearts of the citizens of these nations.

Our citizens have responded with commendable loyalty and patriotism to every call, both for heavy taxes and for the purchase of War Savings Bonds in amounts unprecedented. The government has been obliged in the exigencies of these war years to ask not only for the Biblical tithe but for two, three or more tithes. Some forty million of our wage earners have had in recent years an advantage in the ease of payment through withholding tax provisions.

SYSTEMATIC TITHING

If these same forty million wage earners, together with those who pay their taxes in other ways, would voluntarily adopt such a provision to the practice of laying aside on each payday for privately supported religious, educational and character-building agencies a share of their income, the problems which are confronting these institutions would be quickly solved.

I am firmly convinced, moreover, that such a systematic setting aside of income would contribute much to the moral fiber of every citizen thus participating, and through the service made possible by such voluntary contributions the welfare of the nation would be greatly strengthened and advanced.

Sincerely yours,
HARRY S. TRUMAN.

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Church World Service
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

Readers of The Missionary Herald:

Destined to arrive in time to help meet this winter's crisis of need abroad, Church World Service, through which your Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction works with other Protestant denominational relief organizations, shipped 1,500,000 pounds of relief and reconstruction supplies overseas during October. This brings to 15,500,000 pounds the total sent abroad so far in 1947.

Sincerely yours,

A. LIVINGSTON WARNSHUIS
Executive Vice-President

Dear Members of Our Congregational Christian Churches:

A missionary friend was touring his district north of Canton one day last fall when he came to a village where the central span of an important bridge was broken down.

He assumed that the bridge had been destroyed by Japanese or Allied bombs as the area was much damaged by the war. But, upon inquiry, he was surprised to find the people saying, "The bridge is gone because men no longer worship Heaven."

TEMPLE WORSHIP

Through many centuries the people from city and countryside had passed back and forth across that bridge, carrying produce, going to the doctor or to the shops, or to visit friends.

Formerly, as each traveler came to the bridgehead, he entered the small temple there to worship Heaven. On leaving the temple each worshipper was given by the priest a small stone to throw into the river — to help buttress the supporting pillars of the bridge.

Over the years tens of thousands had crossed the bridge and had worshipped at the temple, and thus tens of thousands of small stones were cast into the stream. And all who crossed and thus strengthened it received the bridge's blessing.

Then one day an army invaded the area and the people were told that Heaven was dead, to worship it longer was worse than stupid. Yet for some years the people continued crossing the bridge though fewer and fewer entered the temple — fewer and fewer stones added their support to the upholding pillars. Then, gradually, the temple began to fall into disrepair. Only one old priest was left at last and, with the spring rains, the central span collapsed under pressure of the powerful current. Now for ten years there has been no bridge at all, and no one even speculates as to when it may be restored.

HEAVEN NOT DEAD

To you of our Congregational Christian churches Heaven is not dead; the worship of God is the most creative force in your lives. You continue to enter the temple, and we in China continue day by day to place your "stones" at the foot of the supporting pillars of the bridge which was built a hundred years ago between the Congregational Christian churches of America and China. Many thousands are traveling upon this bridge and both our nations are being blessed.

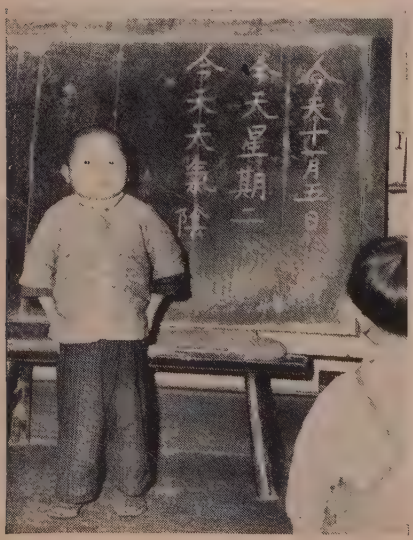
With a prayer, with your church

Although "Heaven is dead" in some minds and hearts, as the author of this letter from China states, and the bridges of communication and goodwill and understanding have collapsed as a consequence, yet Christian evangelism and Christian education are playing a nobler and better part than ever, since. In China especially, the people are weary of the old and worn-out shibboleths and are ready for the good news of the Christian gospel. "It seems to me," declares an American journalist in a recent issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*, "that foreign missionaries are largely responsible for the continued respect the average Chinese has today for the white man." Without our living concern, bridges of service must gradually weather-

Food and clothing for China, states the author, are "stones" at the foot of the supporting pillars of the bridges of understanding.

pledge to benevolences, with a bundle of clothing, a bottle of medicine, a scholarship grant, or any of the gifts which you pass on to us, you and we are strengthening the span and the foundations of the bridge.

Christian education through mission schools contributes greatly to better understanding.



Chu-Wen Li was one of the speakers at second world conference of Christian youth in Oslo.

We are not anxious about the bridge for it is strong, but we plead with you to dedicate yourselves anew to the worship and sacrificial service of God. Without your continued prayers and without your living concern, even the most enduring bridge of faith and service must gradually weaken and perhaps some day even go down.

Most cordially yours,
E. WALTER SMITH

Mr. Smith has been a Congregational Christian missionary in China since 1940.
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Georgsmarienhuette
GERMANY

Most Esteemed Fellow Christians:

At this time of the departure of the Reverend Hugo Becker of Portland, Oregon, who for nine months has represented among us your Congregational Christian churches and your Service Committee, I am constrained to write you this letter.

Mr. Becker may well return to the United States with the consciousness of leaving lasting trails of blessing behind him. Not only I, personally, and my family, but multitudes of people in Germany are deeply grateful for the gifts he brought and procured for us. Of course, the greatest gift was his Christian personality and the truly Christian way in which he approached us and deeply impressed us while proclaiming the glad tidings of Jesus Christ — in word and deed.

DEEPLY GRATEFUL

The fifteenth of June will never be forgotten in our own parish. On his sermon there were very many and ever repeated comments. It was such a comfort for our wounded hearts, with the heavy burdens which we as Germans are bearing. He proclaimed the gospel indeed in an exalted Christian spirit. He did not divide, but united and built bridges. My whole congregation concurs with me in hearty thanks to him, and we would be happy, not only to know ourselves united with you in our evangelical faith, but also to remain united with you by tokens of communication.

LOVE-GIFTS

And then his love-gifts! A river of blessing flows on continuously through them, also. We turned them into the Protestant refugee circles for a double reason: first, because of the great need that brought their requests to us again and again, and secondly, because the strong Catholic community was being generously supplied with gifts, and our Evan-

The Reverend Hugo Becker of Portland, Ore., who spent nine months in service in Germany.

gelicals were feeling mortified and depressed.

Many hearts and hands assembled the gifts which you made possible and sent them on, and here in my parish the gifts entered many homes and touched many hearts. What a joy was caused by the things for the children. I have been authorized, especially by many mothers and children, to convey their deep gratitude, which I am herewith doing.

OUR FELLOWSHIP

And when our dear brother Becker stands in your American pulpits he will tell you not only of the awful outward and inward need that exists here, but also of the grateful joy which ever again fills us when we witness the hand of Christian love as it reaches across the ocean. This, too, is a rarely beautiful experience of the fellowship of the believers.

And when our congregations sing on Sundays, *Glory be to the Father . . . as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,* we feel ourselves standing in the stream of di-

Mr. Becker's ministry in Germany, as the representative of our Congregational Christian churches, was diversified. In many churches, he conducted worship services (top, opposite page) for children. He spent Mother's Day with the homeless Estonian children (circle, below) in a DP camp. At left, the church choir in a DP camp where Mr. Becker spoke. A German Protestant family (above) received a goat and other gifts. Bibles (circle, opposite page) were given to the churches.

vine love through all ages and through all continents. It is truly a sublime and lofty consciousness, this spiritual fellowship in Jesus Christ, is it not? Even before a great "Marshall Plan," there was a plan of the King, Jesus Christ, in his universal Kingdom.

Finally, a cordial "God be with you all," and the kindest regards from our congregations, my Osnabrueck diocese, and myself.

Sincerely yours,
H. BRANDT,

Der Landessuperintendent
von Osnabrueck-Diepholz

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Zalduondo
PUERTO RICO

Dear Friends of Puerto Rico:

You asked me to write you from Puerto Rico. I'm glad *The Missionary Herald* has made it possible to share your letter with others.

Let's start with the plane flight — only nine hours non-stop from New York to San Juan. The only land you see en route is Bermuda.

Bermuda is flat; Puerto Rico is mountainous. Bermuda is a pleasure resort; Puerto Rico is the home of two million hard-pressed people. Of these, ninety per cent are miserably poor and thousands of them are ill and undernourished. Tourists stop at Bermuda; only missionaries stay in Puerto Rico. Charles I. Mohler, superintendent of our work, is finishing his thirty-ninth year on the job.

PROGRESS

In 1949 our Board of Home Missions will have been at work in Puerto Rico for fifty years. We began from scratch and at first paid all our own expenses. Today, our churches are fifty-five per cent self-supporting. Three of them — Fajardo, Humacao, and Santurce — support themselves entirely.

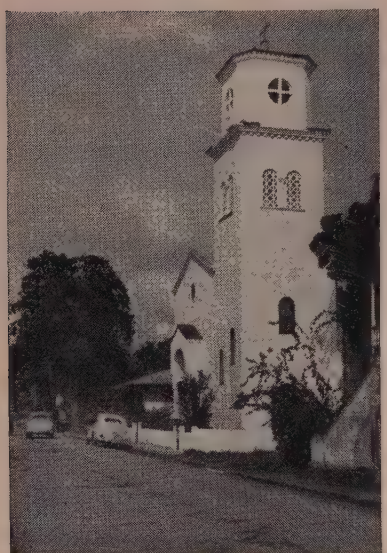
In 1925 we had 1,091 church members and 2,141 Sunday School pupils; now there are 3,065 and 4,641, respectively. We have seven imposing sanctuaries and three smaller ones which are quite attractive. There are also twenty-eight tiny rural chapels, twenty-two parsonages — a total of forty-six preaching stations in all.

RYDER HOSPITAL

You said that you wanted to know particularly about Ryder Hospital at Humacao. It was opened in 1914 and named after Dr. Charles Ryder, the American Missionary Association secretary who conceived the plan. We are hoping soon to increase the beds from fifty-three to ninety and to add a Christian training school for registered nurses, practical nurses, midwives, and follow-up social health workers. That involves enlargements, additions and much more money.

Before I left, you wrote me asking about Zalduondo, wanting to know whether it was a town, a lake, or something else. It is actually a project for rural community service begun by the United States government, continued during World War II by the Friends Service Committee, and now an integral part of our Congregational Christian missionary work on the island. We have three young competent Christian married college people there — one a social worker, the second a craftsman, and the third a trained dirt farmer. They

Ryder Memorial Hospital was opened in 1914 and named for Dr. Charles Ryder, the American Missionary Association secretary, who conceived the plan. Above, an assistant and a doctor in bacteriological laboratory of the Hospital. Upper left, Superintendent Mohler in the dispensary of the Hospital. Left, a typical family standing in the doorway of their home. The author says that the bed capacity of Ryder Hospital will be increased from fifty-three to ninety, and plans call for a nurses' training school.



Our church in Humacao close to the square.

are working with the people on a co-operative basis.

This is a very poor section of the island. For 400 years it was terribly neglected; the people had become hopeless. Now 254 families are buying attractive small cottages at the rate of $3 a month, with payments to run for twenty years.

Facilities on the outskirts of this project make possible a most attractive conference center for our churches. The people, hearing about Pilgrim Pines in Southern California and Tower Hill in Illinois, saw no reason why they should not have a conference place also. They are right; they need one badly.

INTEGRATION

Our latest move was to establish a co-ordinating committee which functions very much like the trustees of a State Conference. We hope thus to integrate all the work organizationally on the basis of Christian principles and ideals. We discussed this measure at some length in our recent two-day conference while I was still at Ryder Hospital.

Personally, I am much encouraged. We seem to be on the eve of a constructive, indigenous Christian service. Our workers were never more united in purpose and spirit.

Unfortunately, Puerto Rico faces increasingly insurmountable problems, chief of which is that of overpopulation. In 1898 there were 900,000 islanders; now there are 2,000,000, in spite of the fact that

Mrs. Douglas Horton meets the hospital cook.

300,000 have migrated to Harlem in New York City. The rate of increase on the island is 30,000 annually.

I hope you'll all go to Puerto Rico some day. If you don't care to fly, the boats are running again — a three and a half day sail from New York.

Yours cordially,
FRED L. BROWNLEE

Dr. Brownlee is the General Secretary of the American Missionary Association Division of our Board of Home Missions.

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Istanbul
TURKEY

Dear Girls and Boys:

Can you imagine growing up without any of the story books and picture books that you can read — read just for fun? Can you imagine having only your school textbooks in your home? Well, many of the children in Turkey are just like that.

LONGING FOR BOOKS

In this city there is just one small children's reading room or library. Some of the schools have small book collections, but there are very few children who have even a tiny row of books in their own home.

But there is a great longing for books, and here is a need which you can help meet, for more and more children are learning to read in English. If English books could be had, many teachers in the public schools could begin building up classroom libraries.

Have you some books which you would like to share? Would you like to buy a few books for these boys and girls who hardly ever see the kind of books you have in America?

A PROJECT FOR YOU

Would you like to send a small scrapbook with a picture of your group and a little story about your town, your home, your school, and the way you live?

These Turkish boys and girls would love to have your friendship. Who knows how much you can help in building a better and happier world!

Most sincerely,

DOROTHY G. BLATTER

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Miss Blatter has been associated with our Near East Mission since 1931, *and since* 1945 *has been teaching and doing publication work in Istanbul.*

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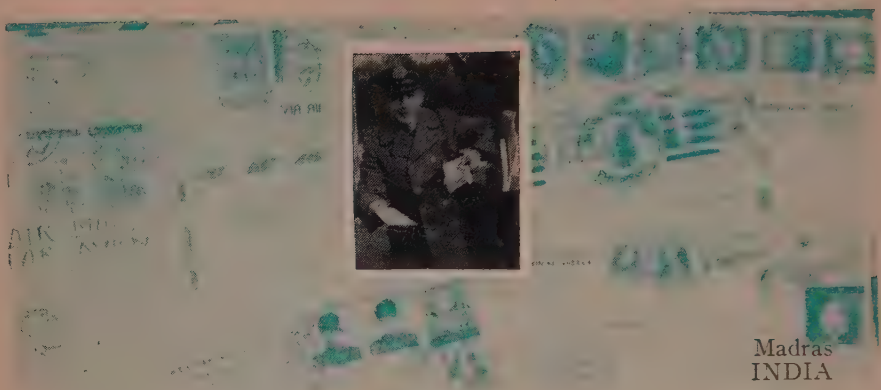

Madras
INDIA

Dear Friends in America:

I am writing these lines while still under the spell of the most impressive church service I have ever attended in any country. The past centuries of church history hold no parallel to the drama of Christian reunion which was enacted here on September 27, 1947.

In the colorful Indian city from which I write I saw consummated, after twenty-eight years of patient, prayerful work, the union of three great Protestant churches to form the new Church of South India.

CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

The uniting denominations need only be named to show the importance of this event, not only to India, but to all Christendom. The new church is made up of Anglicans from the South Indian diocesses of the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon; the South Indian districts of the Methodist Church (British), and the South India United Church. The last named communion represented an earlier union of Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed bodies, both British and American. The new church has 1,100,000 members.

Six hundred persons crowded historic St. George's Cathedral and in a temporary structure immediately adjoining nearly 2,000 more were assembled. The presiding bishop, the Right Rev. C. K. Jacob, an Indian Christian from Travancore, gave the call to worship. Then the congregation rose and began to sing, *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.* For a moment the voices strove with difficulty to achieve a vocal unison, but soon the joy and triumph in all hearts joined in the swelling volume of harmony which alone could fittingly express our deepest emotions.

"BASIS OF UNION"

One of the most impressive parts of the service was the presentation of the resolutions of the several uniting churches. A representative of each in turn read the enabling act of his own denomination's highest judiciary. Then on the communion table he placed signed copies of the "basis of union" and of the constitution of the Church of South India, together with statements signed by all those performing any ecclesiastical function in the United Church, declaring their assent to these basic documents.

The choir and congregation then lifted up their hearts and voices in the great *Te Deum.* Surely, never in all these 2,000 years, have the servants of the Head of the church joined with greater cause for devout thanks-

The centuries of church history hold no parallel to the drama of Christian reunion consummated recently in India when a new Church of South India was born. Hundreds crowded historic St. George's Cathedral to witness the service and to share the fellowship. At right, one of the new Bishops is being consecrated to serve this great church of more than one million Indian members.

Above are the new Bishops of the Church of South India. Three were Congregational Christians. Five were native Indians. At left, a group of Bishops is consecrated. This reunion of the various denominations in South India was the result of twenty-eight years of patient planning, with meticulous attention to details. Unanimous acceptance of the new order was made by mutual pledges of Christian faith.

giving in that ancient ascription of praise.

The commissioning of the existing bishops began immediately. The presiding bishop moved outside the communion rail. He and the other bishops were asked to declare their wholehearted assent to the basis of union and the constitution of the new church. They did so. Then a minister representing the former Methodist Church in South India read a formal commission of authority to these bishops to exercise the episcopal office in the new church.

BASIC DOCUMENTS

Following this, all ministers, or presbyters, as they are now called, stood in their places and similarly gave public assent to the basic documents of the new church. This done, the presiding bishop gave them "authority to exercise that ministry in all congregations of this church to which you shall be duly called or appointed."

With infinite care and attention to detail the service made unmistakably clear that this great consummation of union was approved and accepted by all those who are exercising ecclesiastical function in the new church. The service ended with a hymn and the Lord's Prayer.

A committee representing the uniting churches had elected the new bishops. Each was formally presented to the presiding bishop by two "presbyters" of the church to which he had previously belonged. Each submitted a signed statement of full assent to the basis of union and the constitution of the new church. Each promised "conformity and obedience to the principles and rules contained therein." They were then questioned as to their acceptance of the doctrines of the church and their sense of divine calling. Then they were duly consecrated. This was done by the laying on of hands by the presiding bishop, two other bishops of the former Anglican Church and three presbyters from each of the other two uniting churches. For all who understood the significance of this act it was a never-to-be-forgotten moment. In all Christian history it has hardly a parallel.

COMMUNION SERVICE

An even more memorable event then followed. The first communion service of the Church of South India was solemnly celebrated. In conformity with the practice of the cathedral, the rite was conducted according to the Anglican practice. The beautiful silver service of the Cathedral was used. One by one the people filed silently to the altar and ate the bread and drank the cup of the Lord's Supper. Simultaneously, a similar observance was conducted in the temporary building nearby. Bishops in white robes and saffron stoles, presbyters in simple white gowns, laymen in varying apparel, women in many colored saris, Europeans, Indians and Americans communed at the table of the Lord.

THE FUTURE

So, after twenty-eight years of labor and intercession by great numbers of Christian people, the Church of South India is launched. Nobody can read the record of humility, patience, tolerance and deep understanding revealed in almost three decades of effort in the joint committee on union without recognizing this Church as a fruit of the Spirit of God.

Respectfully submitted,
F. M. POTTER

Dr. Potter is a member of the India Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and its official observer at the services in Madras.

Photo top of page 18 by Religious News Service.

Dear Friends of the Congregational Christian Churches:

We are all grateful indeed for your generous help, through your Postwar Emergency Program, to our work in these difficult times.

Our churches are having a hard struggle just to meet current expenses, not to mention the cost of reconstruction and repairs that are so imperative in order to keep up the work. The grant through your Postwar Emergency Program is truly a godsend.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

New doors for work are opening up, especially in the newly settled boundary regions. The Germans are for the most part gone by now. The government has invited emigrants of Czechoslovak origin to return to the land of their fathers and settle the regions along the boundaries from which Germans have retired.

Among these so-called repatriates the Czechs from Volyne in the Ukraine are some of the finest. Many of them are descendants of the Czech Brethren, who emigrated there many centuries ago. It is remarkable that they have not forgotten the land of their fathers and still speak Czech.

JOHN HUSS CELEBRATION

On the 6th of July, the anniversary of the day when John Huss was burned at the stake in 1415, there was a big celebration here in Husinec. Our town, as you may know, is renowned as the birthplace of the great Czech reformer and patriot.

This year the festival speaker was our Minister of Education, Jaroslav Nejedly, a Protestant. During the war he often addressed our people from the London broadcast and always had a word of encouragement.

This time also he had a fine message. He pointed out that John Huss was great chiefly because of his faith in God and that this faith is still the most vital force in the world, breaking down barriers and uniting people within the nation and throughout the world.

OUR FUTURE IS DARK

We needed that message because our conditions, instead of improving, have grown somewhat worse of late.

This is perhaps quite natural, since UNRRA has ceased its activities and the old supplies have become exhausted. Over and over again I have heard our people express their gratitude for the inestimable help of the American people to our country and to us all in these most critical days after the war.

What we should have done without this help it is difficult to imagine.

Our suffering would surely have been much greater than even during the war.

We have had a prolonged drought and an unusually poor harvest. Our food rations have been cut and in some respects are smaller than during the war years.

There is no milk at all on ration cards for adults, while during the war there was at least one-sixteenth of a quart of skimmed milk a day. Also there is no butter at all on rations, and no meat. Our baker informs us that this month only half the regular amount of bread will be given on the ration card. A great shortage of coal, more serious than last year's, looms like a black cloud on the horizon.

The prospect for the future is truly dark, but we trust that God, who brought us through the days past, will do the same in the future.

Gratefully yours,

MARGARET P. ZELINKA

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The young and the old alike in Czechoslovakia have suffered from dire want and privation.

The government has invited emigants of Czechoslovakia origin to return to their fathers' land. Many of them are from Volyne in the Ukraine, and many are descendants of the Czech Brethren.

The General Council
NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

Dear Fellow Congregational Christians:

I wish that this could be a personal visit instead of a letter. But there are too many Conferences and Associations, let alone churches, in our Congregational Christian Fellowship for me to visit all of them.

Moreover, a recent illness has compelled me to cancel plans I had for an extensive speaking tour in the Northwest and in New England, somewhat like the one I made through the South last winter. Therefore, following what is probably good medical advice to slow down, I am writing this letter in place of an extended speaking program.

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THAT MUST
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GOODWILL · PATIENCE
CREATIVE INDUSTRY
NON-VIOLENCE
FORGIVENESS
COOPERATION
LONG–SUFFERING
AND
UNSELFISH LOVE

ALBERT W. PALMER

As Moderator I have a deep "concern," as the Quaker would say, to emphasize just now, both to churches and to individuals, the tremendous urgency of the day in which we live. This is no time for conventional routine. The world is on fire with something more dangerous than war because it may lead to war but does not itself arouse the heroic sacrificial spirit which war awakens and which the makers of war count on and perversely use for tragic ends.

We are living in an age which desperately needs to meet its problems with patience and tact, with insight and understanding — above all with the healing spirit of forgiveness and invincible goodwill. Without these our problems cannot be solved.

THE BETTER WAY

Unfortunately, the traditional use of these attitudes, while it exists inside the family to some extent, is hardly ever expected, or even felt to be possible, in the rough and tumble of political and economic, or racial and nationalistic, struggles. But a generation armed with atom bombs and other terrible weapons simply must learn the better way. We must replace suspicion, hatred, threats, antagonism and military conflict by the unconquerable and undiscourageable attitude of creative and self-sacrificing love.

Let each of our churches, through its worship, its teaching and the flaming word of exhortation, say to government and business, to management and labor, to educator, scientist and ordinary citizens: These are the words that must govern life or we shall perish: honesty, fair play, goodwill, patience, creative industry, nonviolence, forgiveness, cooperation, long-suffering and unselfish love!

How to burn this message into the consciences of the unawakened and indifferent, as well as the corrupt, the wicked and unscrupulous, is the supreme task of Christianity this year. The time is short. Nothing less than a moral and spiritual revolution in values, attitudes and objectives can save us.

UNITED SPIRIT

If we are to do this, we must have a church which is truly united in spirit. It is no time for sectarian rivalry or denominational exclusiveness. Souls are to be saved, not the Gothic architecture or the niceties of ritual. A world civilization, hell-bent for destruction, is to be confronted with its sins, summoned before the judgment seat of Christ and converted to the will of God. It is no time to be bickering about polity or sixteenth century theology. It is, on the contrary, a time which calls us to devoted practical Christian service such as is exemplified in our Postwar Emergency Program.

It is a great day, therefore, to be a member of the Christian church and especially to be a Christian minister. To be a follower of Christ is to believe and live and, in some vital thrilling way, transmute to others the principles of the Beatitudes and the Golden Rule, the parables of the Good Samaritan, the Last Judgment and the Prodigal Son, and crowning all, the spirit of the Cross.

Jesus can save the world if he can find enough followers who have faith in his way of life and are determined to demonstrate it in this age — this age which has such tremendous possibilities for either good or evil. We need Christ desperately and we need him now.

Your Moderator and fellow servant in Christ,

ALBERT W. PALMER

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NEW MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. George D. Jenkins of Watertown, S. D., has accepted the position of Minister of Christian Education for our Conference and will begin his duties Jan. 1, 1948.

He was graduated from Yale Divinity School in 1929 and has held four pastorates, two in Wyoming and two in South Dakota. Besides an effective preaching and pastoral ministry, he has done an especially thorough job of religious education in his own church among all ages. He has a large, active Pilgrim Fellowship group.

He has been a leader in the state conference program, both on the board of directors and in the conference youth program. His many skills and talents have made him much sought after in the larger fellowship.

His family consists of his wife and five children, the eldest of whom, Elise, a senior in high school, is state president of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

The Personnel Committee, the Department of Christian Education and the Board of Directors believe he will give real leadership to the Conference religious education program.

THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR

Ministers, treasurers and leaders are asked to check up on the record of their churches in denominational contributions. We are especially anxious to have every church meet its Benevolence Goal in full by Dec. 31. Books close Jan. 10. You will be anxious to have your church listed with the Honor Churches that have paid their 1947 apportionment in full.

The Unit Plan

We are anxious to maintain our fine record on the Unit Plan. Asked for $6,200 a year for ten years to guarantee the small annuities for older ministers who are members of the Original Plan, we have exceeded our goal each year. Dr. C. G. Huston, laymen's chairman for our conference, urges each church to do its part. We hope many churches will step up their contributions to finish the entire ten-year goal by the end of 1948.

War Victims and Reconstruction

Our War Victims record is not good for 1947. Chairman Rev. Wm. D. Pratt says we have given only half the amount contributed in 1946 in the same period. Many churches are using the Christmas season as a time to gather gifts for Children's Relief. More people are in dire need in Europe and Asia than the number of the total population of the United States. We are confident that you will do your utmost to help. The Christmas Season is a logical time for our people to express their loyalty and faith in the way of Jesus Christ.

NELSON C. DREIER

What About the Proposed Merger?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The suggestion for conversations regarding a possible merger of the Congregational Christian churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church came to our General Council in Beloit in 1938 from Pres. Press of Eden Theological Seminary.

In 1943 a provisional draft of a Basis of Union was drawn up, seven subsequent revisions being made.

The question is now before both denominations for discussion and action. The General Synod of the E. & R. Church last July voted 281 to 23 to approve the merger and to submit the question to its thirty-four synods. If two-thirds of these synods vote approval the E. & R. General Council shall declare it adopted.

Our local churches and associations are asked to take action prior to our Conference meeting in May.

THE TWO DENOMINATIONS

Congregational Christian

Our spiritual ancestors were the Pilgrims, the Separatists of England, who withdrew from the Church of England, migrated to Holland, and came to America on the Mayflower. Colonists of the Puritan persuasion also came to America and, recognizing their spiritual kinship with the Pilgrims, united to form the beginnings of Congregationalism in America.

From this stream of religious life have come our passion for democracy, our interest in education, our freedom of worship, our missionary zeal, our ecumenical spirit.

In 1924 the Evangelical Protestant Church of North America voted to affiliate with our denomination and in 1931 the Christian Church merged with the Congregationalists.

Evangelical and Reformed Church

The Reformed Church in the United States dates back to Oct. 15, 1725, and for some years was subject to the Synod in Holland, in 1793 declaring its independence and reorganizing itself under the name of The Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The Evangelical Synod of North America had its beginnings as the Evangelical Union of the West and was formed in St. Louis, Mo., also on Oct. 15, in the year 1840.

In June 1934 these two historic churches formed a new denomination under the name of Evangelical and Reformed Church and it is this with which we now contemplate uniting.

Distribution and Numbers

On Jan. 1, 1947 we had 5,783 Congregational Christian churches with a membership of 1,150,853. The Evangelical and Reformed Church had 2,821 churches, about one half as many as we, with a membership of 689,760, or sixty per cent as many as the Congregationalists.

There are practically no E. & R. churches in New England or the Rocky Mountain states, while E. & R. churches are more numerous in Pennsylvania, Indiana (fewer churches but more members), Ohio and Missouri.

In California there are only twenty-three E. & R. churches, with 3,013 members, half of them in southern California where we have 117 Congregational churches with 38,839 members. There are no E. & R. churches in Arizona or New Mexico.

Further aspects of the matter will be presented here next month.

Echoes from the Associations

The fall meetings of the six associations comprising our conference were held from October 7-16. Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier and Associate Superintendent Rowles attended all six meetings, as did Mrs. Thos. G. Wight, president of the Fellowship of Congregational Women. The tour began at Phoenix, Ariz., then to Gallup, N. M., back to Southern California to Brea, Wasco, Barstow and San Diego, a trip of 3,500 miles. Moderator Charles Franklin Parker spoke at three of the associations. Joe Moody, president, Laymen's Fellowship, spoke at Brea and Phoenix. The Rev. Ray Gibbons, Director, Council for Social Action, and the Rev. Oliver Powell, national secretary of Young People's Work, gave addresses at most of the associations. Some highlights follow.

Arizona Association

Encanto Community Church, Phoenix, was host to an unusually well attended day-and-a-half meeting. Of interest to the whole conference was the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that this association commend the pastor and members of the First Congregational Church of Prescott for their far-reaching program of Christian evangelism manifest in the establishment of the Yavapai Cooperative Parish, and that, following the lead of this aggressive group of churches, and in the face of the spiritual need of these critical times, immediately project and carry through a long-range program of Christian evangelism and establishment of new churches in various sections of this rapidly growing state. To this end we urge an increasing concern for and participation in the Church Extension Crusade of the Conference and the creation of a definite and ambitious strategy of Church Extension. We call upon all of our ministers and churches to "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

New Mexico-El Paso Association

Our Gallup church was host on Oct. 9-10. The Rev. Sebastian L. Hernandez, of the South Broadway Spanish Church, Albuquerque, had completed fifty years of ministry in this association, having attended the association meeting in 1897 which was also held in the Gallup Church. This half-century of Christian service was warmly commended in a formal resolution. The proposed merger was approved.

Los Angeles Association

The Brea Church entertained an overflow attendance on Oct. 13.

Dr. Edward D. Gaylord, registrar of the association for the past seven years, resigned his office and was succeeded by Dr. Cass Arthur Reed. A formal resolution commended the excellent service rendered by Dr. Gaylord to the association. He is a former conference superintendent.

Kern Association

Our Wasco Church was host on Oct. 14. The Rev. Lester C. Pritchett transferred his ministerial standing from the Western Association of Colorado. The Rev. Kenneth Metcalf, a Christian minister, is serving as associate minister in our Bakersfield First Church. The Rev. Robt. Cleland was elected moderator for the coming year.

San Bernardino Association

The fall association was held in our Barstow church on Oct. 15. Of interest was the period when each of the churches reported its plans and programs.

The Rev. Lawrence J. Weinert, San Bernardino, was elected moderator for the ensuing year.

San Diego Association

The Logan Heights Church, San Diego, an interracial church, entertained the association on Oct. 16 in a most satisfactory manner.

Fred W. Morrison, San Diego First Church, was elected moderator.

The spring meeting will be held in our Chula Vista church and the fall meeting in 1948 in National City.

OUR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE RECORD

From January 1 to September 30 the Congregational churches of southern California contributed 24,548 pounds of clothing through Church World Service. Of this amount, 1,689 pounds were given in September.

The "Scavenger Hunts" by our Pilgrim Fellowship young people in October added greatly to this total.

However, Dr. A. Livingston Warnshuis, executive vice president of Church World Service, says: "It is feared that the approaching winter may be the severest yet experienced in either Europe or Asia. Americans must increase their efforts to avert disaster in these areas."

The collection center for supplies is Church World Service, Inc., 7122 Compton Ave., Los Angeles 1. Continue to share in this worthy task!

"Whether the name of the Marshall plan is to be spelled 'Marshall' or 'martial' will be decided by the churches."

ARIZONA LAYMEN ORGANIZE

Twenty laymen from seven churches in Arizona met in a laymen's retreat Nov. 8-9 at Camp Whetstine, Granite Dells, four miles north of Prescott, a former "Y" camp purchased by the Prescott Church last summer. The picture above is one of four buildings on the beautiful camp site in the granite canyon.

Camp Whetstine, Prescott, Arizona

Speakers on the retreat program were Nelson C. Dreier and Glenn A. Rowles of the conference staff; Joe Moody, president of the conference Laymen's Fellowship; and Dr. C. G. Huston, member of the Laymen's Fellowship Board of Directors.

A state Laymen's Fellowship was organized with the following officers: President, Alden Miller, Phoenix; Vice President, A. G. Baker, Prescott; Secretary-Treasurer, A. C. Hill, Prescott. The date for the retreat next year was set for Sept. 25-26.

Camp Whetstine provides a fine setting for group meetings. The Arizona Pilgrim Fellowship had its fall rally here Oct. 25 and 26. The American Red Cross has engaged it for ten days next June for a regional water safety instructors' school.

State-wide gatherings by various organizations are projected. The Prescott Church will hold its own retreats and planning conferences here. The Rev. Geo. H. Bennett, associate minister, resides here.

The Laymen's Fellowship

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Reports have been received from a number of our churches which observed "Laymen's Sunday" on October 19:

Laymen took charge of the service at our Woodland Hills Church, our newest organization in Los Angeles, and spoke on "The Responsibilities of the Layman," "Opportunities of Christian Service" and "Cooperation with the Minister." In the afternoon the laymen gathered at the barracks now used temporarily for services and painted the interior. Later they expect to paint the outside.

At Santa Ana a layman, Assistant County School Superintendent, spoke on "Tearing Down Bars." Other laymen participated in the service.

At Pomona three laymen had sermonettes on the general theme, "The World's Challenge to Today's Laymen."

At Colonial Church, Los Angeles, the minister was a worshiper in the pews while his laymen conducted the entire service.

Laymen, members of the Gideons, spoke at morning services in National City and Chula Vista.

Four laymen spoke on "Barriers to a Christian World" at First Church, Glendale, while five other laymen had a part in the order of worship, not counting those in the male quartet.

At Bay Shore Church, Long Beach, Neil Van Steenbergen spoke on "Lanterns in Our Hearts," with two other young men sharing in the service.

Reports indicate that the men participating not only profited greatly from these services but that church people generally found inspiration in the fact that Christian laymen were prepared to bear their witness for the faith that was in them.

WHAT LOCAL CHURCH MEN ARE DOING

The men of Colonia, L. A., were hosts to men of other neighboring churches at a 6:30 dinner on Nov. 19 when Dr. Harold Case of Pasadena spoke on "Inside Europe Today."

The Men's Fellowship, National City, on Oct. 21 discussed "The Church and Race" with the Rev. E. M. Shavers, the Rev. John C. Wiley, Malcolm Farmer, Dr. Peter Lee and Mrs. Ryo Tsai as members of the panel.

"The Palestinian Question" was discussed by Rabbi Aaron M. Wise at the Men's Club on Nov. 12 at Westwood Hills Church, L. A.

At Western Knoll Church, L. A., the rest rooms were redecorated by members of the Men's Club.

The Long Beach Bay Shore men heard an address by Capt. Willis Bradley on Oct. 8 on problems of conservation of natural resources.

Dr. Frank B. Gifliotto of La Mesa, who served our government in important diplomatic capacities during the war and who wrote two articles in the new constitution of Italy, spoke before the Men's Club of Mission Hills, San Diego, on Oct. 15.

A Fathers and Sons banquet at Oneonta, South Pasadena, had Dudley DeGroot, coach of the Los Angeles Dons, professional football team, as guest speaker. On Nov. 15-16 Oneonta men held a retreat at Pilgrim Pines and considered the part of Christian laymen "In Business," "In Relation to Others," "In Home and Family."

A 125-lb. sea bass, caught by Don Yinger, was the piece de resistance at the first fall meeting of the Pomona Men's Club in October.

The Burbank church organized a Men's Club of twenty members on Nov. 10, following an address by Joe Moody.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

"What is your appraisal of the community-wide, week-long, interdenominational National Christian Teaching Missions held in various cities this fall?"

Dr. John C. Wiley, San Diego — "The Mission was well worth while. The securing of forty or more people from our church to go out and help take the religious census was in itself a very helpful project to the callers and to the called-upon.

"The securing of 200 or more new names who are at least potentially Congregational should be a challenge and stimulus to the minister and members and organizations in the church.

"Not the least of the benefits, in my opinion, was the impact upon the community of many different churches and denominations engaging in a constructive project together and cooperatively. The city was given the demonstration of churches working for the cause of the Church Universal rather than for each individual church and denomination exclusively."

The Rev. Clarence E. Parry, Albuquerque — "During the last week in October 20 Protestant churches shared in a Mission sponsored jointly by the International Council of Religious Education and the Federal Council of Churches, and directed by Dr. Harry C. Munro.

"As a result of a city-wide religious census we received the names of 500 new people for our responsibility list. Of this total, more than one-third are of the 20-30 age bracket, with the next highest number being children of nursery age.

"It is my judgment that the Mission was eminently worthwhile in giving to both ministers and lay leaders a larger conception and appreciation of the possible role of the Church in our contemporary society. This movement, in my judgment, is one of the finest and most hopeful developments in modern Protestantism. Locally, we are taking immediate steps to call on all on our responsibility list, and we hope, within a period of six months, to win many of these people to active participation in the life of our church."

CHURCHES AND LEADERS PARTICIPATING

In September and October Missions were held in San Diego, Phoenix, El Paso and Albuquerque. Local ministers were assisted by Guest Leaders as follows:

John S. Whiteneck, Bakersfield, at Mission Hills, San Diego.

Gordon J. Baker, Colonial, at Old San Diego Community Church.

Dwight C. Cushman, Conference, at Logan Heights, San Diego.

Clifford S. Higby, Tombstone, at Phoenix Neighborhood Church.

Eugene L. Warner, North Hollywood, at Encanto Community, Phoenix.

Fred W. Niedringhaus, Santa Ana, at First Church, Phoenix.

Glenn A. Rowles, Conference, at First Church, Albuquerque.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

George H. Bennett, ex-navy chaplain, Associate Minister, Prescott, Ariz.

Melvin H. Harter, Field Secretary, Church World Service for Midwest.

Wesley L. Hershey, "Y" Director at Caltech, Director Youth Activities, Pasadena Neighborhood Church.

Robert C. Kemper, Michigan, to Palos Verdes Community Church, Nov. 1.

Kenneth Metcalf, Associate Minister, Bakersfield First Church.

Paul S. Newey, Chicago, Supply Minister, Tombstone, Ariz.

Cass Arthur Reed, Associate Minister, part time, Plymouth, Whittier.

Loyal L. Wirt, now serving Etiwanda.

Don Wismar, pastor at Glen Avon since Sept. 1.

The Women's Fellowship

A CHRISTMAS WISH

We come again to the blessed season of Christmas and in our homes and in our churches we are busy with the dear accustomed associations of the festive day.

Sometimes, like the innkeeper in the little town of Bethlehem, we become so rushed and so tired that we miss the spirit of the Christ Child and hear only the echo of the triumphant angel chorus.

So, may we remember the countless numbers for whom Christmas can only mean another day of cold and hunger, especially the little children, so much a part of every Christmas but who have never known or shared in the childhood joys of a day that belongs to them.

Through our remembering and the sharing of our gifts we can help to speed the day when the whole world can know the real meaning of "Peace on earth, good will to all mankind."

May all that Christmas stands for, Peace, Good Will, Friendship and Happiness, be in your home and in your heart on this day.

MRS. THOMAS G. WIGHT.

OUR HAPPY THANKOFFERING

We have a project which brings real joy to our Fellowship — a duty that has become a pleasure, a chore that has become a recreation.

In these days horizons have widened. More and more people are becoming world-minded. But we Congregational women always were. The whole world is our parish, and all humanity our family. We choose favorites for our special attention — one here in California, one on the other side of our beloved homeland, and one far across the sea in courageous China.

Every intelligent churchwoman knows what a blessing it is for young folks to get off to camp, even for one week. We need anticipate little juvenile delinquency among young folks who work and play together at Pilgrim Pines or at our other camps, who worship and discuss vital problems around the hearth or around the big campfire under the trees. About 4,000 specimens of "Young America" had this experience last year. We women feel gratified to share in the extended operation, development and improvement of Pilgrim Pines, Pilgrim Playground or Camp Thunderbird, and all their facilities.

Then our thoughts race across the continent to a certain rural community in Vermont called Calais-Woodbury. Mr. and Mrs. Eichorn have taken up residence in a parsonage which last July had neither a well nor proper heating arrangements. We women love to fix up buildings and make a house a home. So we are to have the fun of helping this fine young couple make their shabby parsonage into a real home which, like all true parsonages, will also be a social center.

All the old-timers know and love Bertha Allen of Foochow. (Of course you know that Bertha was happily married recently to an old friend and continues to live in Claremont. P. S.: Aren't some men lucky?) Well, Bertha used to give us many contacts with Foochow during her years there. The Wen Shan Girls' School and the kindergartens suffered heavily during enemy occupation. We want to help them get in shape again.

It seems ridiculous to suggest that each churchwoman devote one cent per week for our summer camps; one cent per week for the Vermont parsonage, and one cent per week for Foochow. Did it ever strike you that this is the equivalent of one postage stamp per week? Who would miss a postage stamp? Here's a bright idea: slip a three cent stamp into an envelope marked, "Thankoffering" once a week. Then, when it is time to send in your Thankoffering gift, just buy some postage stamps from yourself! Easy, isn't it? BUT — it needs *every* church woman's stamp.

During Mrs. Lucille Sutherland's absence this year we are fortunate to have her sister-in-law as Superintendent of Thankoffering — our very own Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed, who has delighted our Fellowship with her music. Contact her if you want help. (580 Columbia Avenue, Pomona, Cal.) She has an inspiring predecessor to follow. Mrs. Franklin Warner, by her enthusiasm and downright hard work for three years, set this Thankoffering a-rolling like a snowball through adhesive snow. $9,630.10 last year! Let's all get busy!

Mrs. Richard S. Rose.

DEADLINE FOR 1947 BENEVOLENCES

Churches desiring 1947 credit for benevolence payments must see that same reaches the Conference Office by January 5 in order that reports may be in New York by January 10. Much may be done in the closing days of this month to insure a fine year's record.

THE NAVAJOS NEED HELP

The Navajo Indians on the reservations in New Mexico face a winter of cold and starvation. Temporary aid is urgent.

We realize that the Navajo should be enabled to help himself, and this can be done through a program of economic betterment, educational opportunities, health improvement, public welfare benefits and other privileges of citizenship, but this will take time, and the need is great for this present winter.

The Gallup, N. M., Woman's Club has undertaken a Relief Program for the Navajo Indians. All sizes of men's clothing are needed, including coats, shirts, trousers, underwear, socks and shoes; women's garments, size 34-40, including dresses, underwear, sweaters, coats, stockings, and low-heeled shoes; all sizes of children's clothing, especially babies', and blankets and quilts for bedding.

The Western Finance Company is providing a distribution center. Send all contributions to Mrs. Anita Vidal, 407 W. Coal Street, Gallup, N. M.

(Mrs.) Laura I. Patten,
First Congregational Church,
Gallup, N. M.

THE LIQUOR CONTROL VETO PROGRAM

The fact that all temperance organizations in California are united in the effort to get a liquor control veto measure on the ballot in the fall of 1948 justifies the full support of all of our churches in assisting in the raising of $500,000 needed to secure sufficient signatures to the initial petition and provide for a maximum educational campaign.

If we are to make a dent in the deplorable liquor conditions which now exist, the time is now. Quite plainly, "It is this, or nothing."

It will require one dollar per member from all denominations. The Methodists have accepted their quota of $107,000. We have 38,839 members of Congregational churches in Southern California.

Unless church people rally to this cause there will be no check on the issuing of licenses or the tragic conditions wrought by liquor.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SCAVENGER HUNTS

The fall months were busy with scavenger hunts initiated by Pilgrim Fellowship groups to secure clothing to be sent to Europe by Church World Service.

On October 4 the Mission Hills, San Diego, young people, after bringing clothing to a central place, enjoyed a barbecue supper, then continued their clothing collection.

Over 200 pounds of clothing and food were collected by the Chula Vista young people in October.

The Long Beach First High School Pilgrim Fellowship collected a truckload of warm clothing for Church World Service.

The Pasadena First scavenger hunt netted 680 pounds of clothing, 150 pounds of canned food and 17 faded dollar bills.

The San Diego Japanese First youth collected 103 pounds of clothing, 75 pounds of foodstuffs, and 14 pounds of soap in a scavenger hunt October 2.

Huge bundles of clothing have been forwarded to Church World Service by the young people of our Albuquerque and El Paso Valley Community Churches and by many other groups of which we have no record in the Conference Office, at least 9,000 pounds being collected.

The need still persists. Scavenger hunts will be "in order" all this winter.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE DEC. 28-30

First Church, San Diego, will entertain the mid-winter conference of the high school Pilgrim Fellowship. There will be seminars, addresses and the annual banquet.

STUDENT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

At a meeting of the Student Commission on October 6 it was voted to create a Student Fellowship apart from the Pilgrim Fellowship composed of high school youth. The Student Fellowship will elect its own officers and plans to hold a work camp at Pilgrim Pines.

"The Pilgrim Rocket" was chosen as the name of the student newsletter, to be edited by Jane Jones and Gretchen Bruner.

A College Fellowship was organized in the Santa Barbara church in October.

Henry Hayden, Student Minister and Director of the U. S. C. F. on the University of New Mexico campus, Albuquerque, is doing a most effective piece of work.

ASSOCIATION YOUTH RALLIES

The fall rallies were tremendous successes. Miss Jane Johnson spoke at all of them concerning the Oslo conference, and the sincerity and warmth of her presentation made a lasting impression. Fine attendances marked these meetings. Over 400 attended the rally at Pasadena First.

It is expected that the full goal of $4,000 for this year's budget will be raised by the mid-winter meeting if every high school Pilgrim Fellowship group will assume its full share.

Plans are being formulated for the representation of the Conference P. F. at the National Council of the Pilgrim Fellowship at Oberlin, Ohio, next July, and the National Christian Youth Conference at Grand Rapids, Mich., in September.

The young people of the Conference are looking forward to the coming of the Rev. George D. Jenkins next January.

Pilgrim Press Service

MRS. SIGRID PALM, MANAGER

IN THE FIELD OF BOOKS

These are days for wise selection as to a program for our world. It is a day for wise selection, also, in the matter of our reading material. We suggest that you read vital books, such as:

Christian Ethics and Social Policy, John C. Bennett.....$2.00
What Must the Church Do? Robert Bilheimer 1.00
Laymen Speaking, Wallace Speers and others..... 2.00
Preface to Ethical Living, Robert E. Fitch (Occidental) 1.25
How a Church Grows, Roy A. Burkhart 2.00
Inside U. S. A., John Gunther 5.00
World Christianity, Henry P. Van Deusen..... 2.50
Albert Schweitzer, The Man and His Mind, George Seaver.... 3.75
In the Secret Place of the Most High, Arthur John Gossip.. 2.75

Write us for your mission study books for this year.

IN THE FIELD OF VISUAL AIDS

Write the Pilgrim Press Service, 3125 W. Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles 16, for a complete list of sound and silent films, slides and records, film strips, etc. We list a few below:

Sound Films

	Rental
Beyond Our Own (out Nov. 10)	$10.00
Color of a Man.....	5.00
Fair Wind (China), C. W. V. R.....	No charge
Go Ye!.....	5.00
Hands Across the Sea (Continent) C. W. V. R.....	No charge
Hands Across the Sea (Great Britain) C. W. V. R..	No charge
Heart of India.....	9.00
In the Steps of the Great Physician (India)	5.00
Now the Peace.....	2.00
We Too Receive.....	1.00

Write for complete list.

PREMIERE OF PROTESTANT FILM

The film, "Beyond Our Own," produced in Los Angeles by the Apex Film Corporation under the sponsorship of the Protestant Film Commission, the official agent of sixteen denominations, had its premiere in one hundred cities in the United States on November 10, 1947. The Los Angeles premiere was held at the First Congregational Church under the joint sponsorship of our Congregational Conference and the Los Angeles Church Federation.

Our Pilgrim Press Service had the only film available in Los Angeles and provided it for the premiere. Attendance was by invitation only.

"Beyond Our Own" is a 16 mm. four star, forty minute sound film, with a gripping story laid in this country and China, and interprets Christian commitments and evangelism. The rental is $10 from Pilgrim Press Service.

The work of the Protestant Film Commission is threefold: (1) film production, such as "Beyond Our Own," for church use; (2) counselling and co-operation with the motion picture industry in production of theatrical films, especially as regards religion and Protestant churches; (3) review and recommendation of theatrical films suitable for Protestant patronage. This marks a new era in religious films. Others will be forthcoming from the Protestant Film Commission.

NEW MEXICO - EL PASO ASSOCIATION

ALBUQUERQUE, FIRST: The Rev. Clarence E. Parr had a leading part in the community-wide National Christian Teaching Mission directed by Dr. Harry C. Munro from October 23 to 30. As a result of the religious census, the names of 500 individuals constituted the new "responsibility list" for the church. Glenn A. Rowles of the Conference staff was the guest leader during the week's program.

ALBUQUERQUE, SO. BDWY., SPANISH: The Rev. Sebastian L. Hernandez this year completed fifty years of service in the Congregational ministry in the New Mexico-El Paso Association. Appropriate recognition was made at the association meeting in October.

GALLUP, FIRST: The Rev. and Mrs. Harry B. Patten and church were excellent hosts to the Association Meeting October 9-10.

SANTA RITA COMMUNITY: The Rev. Harold E. Johnson, pastor, is taking a leading part in the development of the new Camp Thunderbird in New Mexico. His widespread ministry has led many individuals and the mining company to volunteer funds and help for the development of the camp.

EL PASO PILGRIM: The National Christian Teaching Mission conducted in El Paso by Dr. Harry C. Munro in October provided, through a religious census, a considerable list of people for whom our church has responsibility. The Rev. C. C. G. Manker, minister.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION

ALESSANDRO VALLEY COMMUNITY: Under the leadership of the Rev. C. E. Magnuson, fifty people attended a vesper communion service on World-Wide Communion Sunday and ten united with the church . . . The church has bought a building from Camp Haan for $600 and it has been moved to the church site to be converted into a dining and social room and class rooms for the church school. The church, which had a membership of only thirty-four last January, has raised $1,500 for this project.

Barstow

BARSTOW, FIRST: The Rev. George P. Helliwell and his church entertained the Association on October 15.

BLOOMINGTON: The church grounds were beautified last summer by members of the "Double or Nothing" Club. The church is moving forward to complete its new building program. The Rev. John S. Buus, minister.

ETIWANDA: Dr. Loyal L. Wirt of Claremont became the minister of the church last fall. After several years' work he has completed the manuscript of his autobiography, entitled "Northern Lights and Southern Cross," which will be published sometime in the future. Though retired from the active ministry for many years, he is most virile in his Christian leadership.

CHINO, MEXICAN: On October 19 the church observed the fifth anniversary of the erection of the present church building with other local churches participating. Glenn A. Rowles brought greetings from the

Conference. The church is contemplating the purchase of a parsonage and using the old parsonage for church school purposes. The Rev. Carlos A. Avila, minister, provides excellent leadership.

HEMET PILGRIM: The Rev. Leland L. Williams reported a new men's club was organized in the fall; also, a thriving youth program with forty in the junior high and thirty in the senior high.

HIGHLAND, CHURCH OF CHRIST: The Rev. Willis E. Smith received twenty-six new members into the church on October 5. On October 12 seventy-two young people attended the youth activities. The church dedicated its new building on November 30.

LAS VEGAS: The fine leadership of the Rev. Albert C. Melton is shown by the fact that thirty-six new members had been received into the church in the first ten months of the year.

MENTONE COMMUNITY: The Rev. and Mrs. Samuel A. Wright are developing a broad and vital church program. A new Pilgrim Fellowship was organized in the fall. A new parsonage was to be occupied in November.

ONTARIO, BETHEL: Considerable remodeling was done to the church building last summer and fall, providing more adequate church school rooms and parlor. The Rev. Donald W. Head, minister.

PERRIS, FIRST: Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest preacher on Sunday, December 14. . . . Dr. William C. Jones of Whittier College was the guest speaker on Conference Sunday, October 26, the men of the church having dinner with him following the service. . . . A building was purchased from Camp Haan and moved to the church property. The Rev. Carl E. Magnuson, minister.

REDLANDS, FIRST: October 26 was observed as Homecoming Sunday. Following the church service a basket luncheon was enjoyed at Sylvan Park. Many then made the pilgrimage to Ide Canyon, Pilgrim Pines, and participated in the ceremony unveiling the permanent marker in honor of Dr. Herbert Ide. The church last year purchased sixty-seven acres of land adjacent to the camp and presented it as a gift to the Conference. This generous bequest in honor of Dr. Ide will greatly enlarge the facilities and service of Pilgrim Pines Camp. The Rev. William D. Pratt is the minister.

RIALTO, FIRST: The Rev. Chester Ferris and his bride are now residents in the church parsonage, which had been rented for some years.

SAN BERNARDINO, FIRST: The Rev. Lawrence J. Weinert received seventy new members into the church in the first ten months of the year. There are now three youth organizations and two couples groups. . . . Mrs. Edwin W. Switzer, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Glenn A. Rowles, is Director of Religious Education.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION

CALIPATRIA UNION: Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest speaker in November. . . . The church observed World-wide Communion Sunday under the leadership of the Rev. Richard W. Ingle.

Chula Vista

CHULA VISTA: On Sunday afternoon, October 12, occurred the service of dedication for the Jewel

Chapel. The full cost of the building and furnishings, amounting to over $15,000, was borne by Mrs. Nellie Jewel. Besides the chapel, there are six rooms for church school purposes. The stained glass window depicts "Christ and the Children." The chapel is complete with organ, altar, solid oak pews and carpeting. There is a bride's room adjoining the chapel. In keeping with the name of the donor, each room will be named after a particular jewel. Mrs. Jewel made a formal presentation of the building and furnishings at the dedication service. The Rev. Williston Wirt accepted the gift in behalf of the church.

La Jolla Union: On October 22 the church, at its fellowship dinner, presented the Rev. and Mrs. William Forshaw a silver tea set and purse in observance of their silver wedding anniversary. This observance marked an eleven year pastorate.

Lemon Grove Community: Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest of the church in November to consult with the Rev. Ralph C. Waddell and church relative to the proposed building program.

San Diego Chinese: The Rev. Peter Lee reports that the church has become self-supporting during this past year. . . . Clothes and money have been sent to schools in China.

San Diego, First: Fred W. Morrison was elected Moderator and Dr. W. H. Stark, Vice Moderator, of the San Diego Association at its meeting in October.

San Diego, First Japanese: The young people have held joint services with other young people's groups. The young people of the Long Beach Bay Shore Church were guests on September 14. Following a joint service and luncheon, the two groups made a historical tour of the city. The Rev. Kenji Kikuchi is the minister.

San Diego, Logan Heights: This interracial church was host to the San Diego Association on October 14 and provided delightful music by Negro singers at the dinner hour.

Mission Hills, San Diego

San Diego, Mission Hills: Dr. John C. Wiley received sixteen new members into the church in October. During that month the church was "on the air" each Sunday morning. The National Christian Teaching Mission in October added 300 names to the church's "responsibility list." . . . Mrs. J. Robert Giantvalley has been employed as interim youth director.

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION

Nogales, Trinity: The sixtieth anniversary of the Methodist and Congregational churches, now federated, was observed on Sunday, November 23. Associate Superintendent Glenn A. Rowles preached at the morning service. Dr. O. A. Smith is the pastor.

Phoenix, Encanto: The Rev. Waldo S. Richards reports that the church membership doubled last year. . . . The church was host to the Association on October 7 and 8. . . . Montgomery Ward & Company used the beautiful grounds of the Encanto Church with its ornamental trees and shrubs as a background to photograph models displaying gowns for their new catalog. This is a unique distinction. . . . Seven new members were received into the church on October 5.

PHOENIX, FIRST: Ten new members were received into the church on World-wide Communion Sunday. . . . The "University of Life" program for high school youth was held on four Sunday evenings in October and November with a general theme, "Youth Faces the Future." The Rev. Fredrick A. Barnhill, minister.

PRESCOTT, FIRST: A week-end retreat for Arizona Congregational laymen was held at Camp Whetstine, near Prescott, on November 8 and 9. Conference representatives on the program were Nelson C. Dreier, Glenn A. Rowles, Dr. C. G. Huston and Joe Moody. Mr. Moody spoke at the morning service in the Prescott Church. The Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, minister.

TEMPE, FIRST: Because of the urgent need for church school facilities, some of the rooms in the new building were occupied before the structure was entirely completed. The Rev. Cecil L. Prior, minister.

TOMBSTONE: The Rev. Paul S. Newey of Chicago was interim supply minister following the resignation of the Rev. Clifford S. Higby.

TUCSON, FIRST: Miss Mary Alice Beck, formerly a student worker at the University of Minnesota for the Minnesota Conference, came to the church in November as Minister of Youth. The Rev. Richard A. Dawson, Minister.

KERN ASSOCIATION

First, Oildale

OILDALE, FIRST: At a church night dinner held on December 4, Glenn A. Rowles of the Conference staff was the guest speaker. . . . The recently organized Parents' Club has attracted a large number of couples. The Rev. Aylesworth B. Bell, minister.

PANAMA COMMUNITY: Glenn A. Rowles of the Conference staff was the speaker for the Women's Association on December 4. The Rev. Richard G. Heddon is the minister.

PASO ROBLES: Dr. Nelson C. Dreier preached at the morning service on November 2 and spoke at the vesper service at 4:30 p. m., when a new organ was formally dedicated in memory of Walter J. Brush, trustee of the church for twenty-five years. . . . Under the leadership of the minister, the Rev. Lester C. Pritchett, forty-six new members have been received into the church in the first six months of his pastorate.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

ATASCADERO: Dr. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest speaker at a church night dinner held on Saturday evening, November 1. The need for more adequate facilities for church school purposes was seriously considered. The Rev. Lowell A. Young, minister.

AVALON: Dr. Robert M. Pratt reports the need for a more extensive hobby night program this year than was carried on last year. The religious education program of the church is being organized effectively around the new Pilgrim Series.

GLENDALE, FIRST: Dr. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest speaker at the church night dinner on October 22. . . . Thirteen new members were received into the church on World-wide Communion Sunday. Attendances at the morning service and at church school and youth organizations show a decided gain over a year ago. The Rev. Jesse F. Perrin, minister.

LAWNDALE COMMUNITY: In recog-

nition of the fortieth anniversary of the church, a program of improvements inside and outside of the church has been planned. The Rev. J. Martin Peterson is the minister.

LONG BEACH, BAY SHORE: By mid-November most of the outside work on the new unit had been completed. This new second story will contain a central children's chapel, surrounded by six class rooms and two activity rooms. The Rev. Milton G. Gabrielson, minister.

LONG BEACH, FIRST: Mrs. Stuart L. Anderson, wife of the minister and herself an ordained minister, preached the sermon on "Women's Society," October 12. . . . The offering on World-wide Communion Sunday, which amounted to $1,545.62, was sent to the American Board for the Morning Star VI. . . . Nineteen new members were received into the church on October 5. . . . The Rev. Stuart L. Anderson spoke at the seventy-fifth anniversary of our Mexico Mission in Guadaljara. . . . At the last meeting of the American Board, held in Burlington, Vermont, Mr. Anderson was elected a vice-president of the Board.

L. A., BEREAN: Dwight S. Cushman of the Conference staff was the guest speaker at the Sunday morning service on Conference Sunday, October 26. The Rev. Charles S. Mundell, minister.

L. A., CHINESE: Beginning the first Sunday in November, the younger departments of the church school meet simultaneously with the morning church service. . . . The baptismal font in honor of Mrs. Emma M. Findlay was to be dedicated at the communion service on December 7. The Rev. Ivan Y. Wong, minister.

L. A., COLONIAL: Forty-six individuals from Colonial attended some camp session at Pilgrim Pines this past year. . . . An interesting series of sermons in November had as its theme, "The Most Important Book." The Rev. Gordon J. Baker, minister.

L. A., FIRST: The desire of Dr. James W. Fifield, Jr., and his church to minister to the spiritual needs of individuals is indicated by the fact that communion services are administered each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock and each week day at 12 o'clock noon. . . . Many famous men and women appear on the Sunday evening forums. . . . There are ten on the church's ministerial staff.

Eagle Rock United, Los Angeles

L. A., EAGLE ROCK UNITED: The six weeks' School of Religion featured the topic, "The Church Organized for Service." The Rev. Paul E. Babbitt is the minister.

L. A., GARVANZA: The guest preacher on Reformation Sunday, November 2, was the Rev. Glenn A. Rowles, Associate Superintendent of the Conference. This church consistently holds a high place in the Conference in its missionary giving. The Rev. Eugene A. Rose, minister.

L. A., HOLLYWOOD: On Sunday, November 16, Dr. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest preacher. At 12:15 p. m. occurred the ground-breaking ceremony for the Lash Chapel, Dr. William C. Jones participating. At 1 p. m. an anniversary dinner was held, at which Judge Harland G. Palmer was the toastmaster. The Rev. James H. Lash, minister.

L. A., WESTERN KNOLL: The Rev. Victor M. Rhein of Pomona was the church night speaker on October 22.

Dr. Nelson C. Dreier spoke at the Fellowship Dinner on October 29 and the Associate Superintendent, Glenn A. Rowles, on October 12. . . . Church school attendance reached an all-time high in October. The Rev. George W. Haskell, minister.

PASADENA, FIRST: Conference Sunday was observed on October 26 with Supt. Nelson C. Dreier as the guest preacher. . . . During November and December, six "Workshops of Family Life" were held on Wednesday evenings. . . . Dr. Alden Clark of the American Board, formerly a missionary in India, spoke at the World Friendship Dinner on November 5. . . . A new chapel cross and candelabra were dedicated on November 9 in memory of Richard Barry Oswalt, who died in action in Palu Palu in 1944. These memorials were the gifts of his parents and brother. The Rev. Raymond A. Waser, minister.

PASADENA, NEIGHBORHOOD: Three-fourths of the $50,000 needed for the additional educational building had been raised by the latter part of October. . . . The Rev. Wesley L. Hershey, Director of the student "Y" at Caltech, is the new director of young people's activities at the church. The Rev. Curtis Beach, minister.

POMONA PILGRIM: Fourteen new members were received into the church on World-wide Communion Sunday. . . . Laymen conducted the worship service on Laymen's Sunday, October 19. The Rev. Walter M. Mueller was the speaker at the Fellowship Dinner on October 15. The Rev. Victor M. Rhein is the minister.

SAN DIMAS COMMUNITY: A reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Francis C. Ellis was held at the church on October 5. A recognition service for Mr. Ellis was planned for Sunday, November 23, at 7:30 p. m. . . . The Pilgrim Fellowship group for the high school age and the college fellowship have been organized. Mr. Ellis, in the first month of his pastorate, made 150 parish calls.

SANTA ANA, FIRST: The Rev. Fred W. Niedringhaus, minister, served as guest leader for the National Christian Teaching Mission held in Phoenix the second week in October. . . . Since Sunday, November 2, two services of worship are held every Sunday morning at 9:30 and 11 o'clock. All school classes are held in conjunction with the earlier service. . . . A memorial drinking fountain was presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Hamel in honor of their son, Charles, a faithful member of the beginners' department.

Oneonta

SOUTH PASADENA, ONEONTA: The formal dedication of the new campus property and facilities and the formal recognition of the Rev. Charles L. Knight as Associate Minister were held on Sunday, October 12, at 4 o'clock. The campus is a plot of 3.82 acres which is being developed as a church center. The total cost, including the purchase price and the subsequent remodeling, amounted to $76,000, all of which has been paid in cash. . . . Twenty-one new members were received into the church on October 5.

WILLOWBROOK: The Ladies' Aid Society tendered the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Brown a reception upon their return from their wedding trip in the early fall.

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To the Members of Our Church:

The Missionary Committee of Bushnell Congregational Church, using funds contributed for that specific purpose, is sending you a year's subscription to the Michigan Congregational News edition of The Missionary Herald, starting with the November, 1947, issue.

For a number of reasons, one of which being that we have carried on a major building program of our own, Bushnell Church does not have the reputation of being outstandingly "missionary-minded."

In an effort to improve our position in this respect, your Committee has reached the conclusion that the solution may lie in our making you better acquainted with the work of our missionary groups, at home and abroad.

We feel that a regular reading of the Michigan Congregational News edition of The Missionary Herald can not help but impress you with the tremendous challenge that world conditions today present to all Christian-minded persons.

It is our hope and expectation that once you are fully aware of the needs and opportunities of the missionary program, you will be moved to make an increased use of the red half of the weekly offering envelope.

We trust that you will find the Herald entertaining, as well as instructive, and if, at any time, you have any thoughts or suggestions that you feel would increase the effectiveness of the work of your Missionary-Committee we should be only too glad to receive them.

The Missionary Committee
Bushnell Congregational Church

University of Washington
SEATTLE, WASH.

Dear Readers of the Herald:

The "University of a Thousand Years" is the name they have given to the University of Washington. Few campuses east or west can match its 600 acres of evergreen-shaded walks and Gothic buildings, magnificently landscaped along the shores of Lake Washington in the heart of Seattle, and crowned by the distant Cascades.

Infinitely more important than the buildings are the 16,000 students who crowd into them. Who are they? Where do they come from? What are they like? What will they do?

MINISTRY TO STUDENTS

The Washington Congregational Conference and indeed the entire denomination through its "Ministry to Student Life" are looking for the answers to those questions. Our leaders are well aware that in religious affairs the Pacific Northwest is still on the frontier. Only one area in America has a lower percentage of church membership — Alaska. And until recently the whole subject of religion was officially tabu on the University of Washington campus.

Today the picture is changing — for the better. With the veterans back at school, leading denominations are placing keen young ministers in key positions nearby. Increasingly close cooperation is evident among them. Religious Emphasis Week, an annual event, is gaining prestige. And in the chair of the President of the University sits Raymond B. Allen, a top-flight physician and executive, the child of a Methodist parsonage.

The man who for ten years has been working valiantly to bring a more Christian emphasis to the campus is Clinton E. Ostrander, pastor of our University Congregational Church. He persuaded his own board of trustees to support the calling of a minister to Congregational students. During the depression, when Pilgrim Club lost its house adjoining the campus, "Dr. O.," as he is familiarly known, offered the downstairs rooms of his church edifice. While student work was at its lowest ebb during the war and his own son was shot down in the North Sea by Nazi planes, Dr. Ostrander kept up a vital program for service men in the student clubrooms.

THE PILGRIM CLUB

Today our Congregational Christian student organization, the Pilgrim Club, offers to our 700 or 800 campus members — and to all Protestants as well — a modernized full-time program, planned and led by our minister to students in coopera-

Dr. Clinton E. Ostrander (above), the pastor of the University Church, discusses important business — their marriage — with two young members who met at the Pilgrim Club.

tion with the elected student cabinet. National, state and local church budgets help to support this work. A board known as Pilgrim Foundation Directors will soon be planning the new student home.

In uniqueness, in enthusiasm, in quality of student leadership, and in continued interest, the work of Congregationalism on this campus is unmatched, except possibly at the Methodist Wesley Club. And most important of all, the program is definitely Christ-centered and aims at turning out not simply good citizens, but also sound Christians.

NORTHWEST FELLOWSHIP

Pilgrim Club has helped to organize the Northwest Fellowship, which binds together Congregational Christian students on half a dozen campuses in our Washington Conference. The club is considering a merger of student work with that of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which has only a small enrollment at the University of Washington. And the students are contributing to the support of a Protestant pastor's son at Collège Cévenol, Le Chambon, France, through

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt (top) discuss the testing and measuring program with Mrs. Ostrander. W. Walter Williams, Seattle financier, replies to a question at the Pilgrim Club. Mr. Wirt (above) meets with a group of students who gather every Sunday afternoon for discussion of some of today's important issues.

the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction.

When a certain Phil Brewster, who used to attend a Congregational Christian Sunday School at home, wanders into University Church for the first time on Sunday morning, he is spotted by an usher and escorted to a seat in the special student section of the sanctuary. There he sits and worships, recognizes a friend perhaps, hears a message to youth by the student minister or the minister to youth, and listens to Dr. Ostrander as he offers a unique, powerful challenge to young and old alike.

After church, Phil is introduced around, and is advised to hit the books after chow so that he can be back in church by four p. m., when the student program begins. Something about the enthusiasm of his new friends is contagious. At four o'clock Phil is on hand.

TESTING PROGRAM

Immediately, a pencil is thrust into his hand and he embarks on a testing and measuring program which will chart his complete personality, disclose his hidden abilities and preferences, uncover his spiritual inhibitions. Phil makes a personality profile of himself, and checks it by taking the first of a long series of trait tests. From these self-analyses he commences to learn what he is like, what he is good for, and how Christ can help him to fulfill his latent possibilities.

He finds himself with a growing number of young people who want very much to get a careful reading of their actual, inherited abilities and of their vital potentialities before going overboard for some particular job or cause. They want their time on earth to count for top effectiveness.

At five o'clock, after a break, Phil sits down with twenty-five or thirty other students for a steaming discussion of a most unusual nature.

Instead of thinking over well-worn topics such as military conscription and race relations (which naturally have their place, but not the whole place) the students grapple with the central problems of existence: the moral nature of the universe, the "good life" and the Cross, the meaning of truth, the significance of faith — the function of the church. These discussions follow a plan of character education on a Christian pattern outlined by Dr. Ernest M. Lignon, a minister and psychologist of Schenectady, New York.

By six o'clock Phil begins to feel a need for refueling. He parts with a quarter and sits down with 130 other students, high school and university, for a hot meal served by the Pilgrim Club Mother's Club with other assistance.

At six-thirty, if Phil can sing, he is led away to choir practice. If he can't, he stays behind for a songfest.

VESPER SERVICES

Promptly at seven the Pilgrim Club bows in worship. Vespers conducted by the students are usually the fruit of their personal belief and faith.

The Pilgrim Club combines fun and study. (Below) Members enjoy a costume party.

Members of Pilgrim Club (above) assemble for worship. At the right, they hold a real Barn Dance as Dick Taylor picks out the "Cowboy's Lament" on his "gittar." Right, Sunday evening supper is served to members of the Club. Below, food again, at the Thursday luncheon.

Lighted candles reflect the aspiration of each to receive the mind of Christ and to know the love of God which passes knowledge.

The evening speaker may be an Oslo delegate, a police sergeant, or a zoologist and so on. The subject may be marriage, labor, or Martin Luther. But always the address stems from a Christian interpretation of life.

After questions, announcements, and a song, it is time for the closing circle. Phil Brewster rises, stretches, and decides to call it an evening — until he looks around and sees a young maiden who might need squiring to her dorm.

But that is not entirely relevant to this letter.

Sincerely yours,
SHIRWOOD E. WIRT

Mr. Wirt is an associate minister of our University Congregational Church of Seattle, Washington.

Photos for this article by Starkweather.

Ron Ron Island
MAJURO ATOLL
MARSHALL ISLANDS

Readers of *The Missionary Herald:*

While in this part of the world I have been serving as Commander of the Marshall-Gilbert Islands Chain of Loran Stations.

It has been my privilege to have come in contact with your Eleanor Wilson who is also down here, serving as a missionary of the Congregational Christian churches.

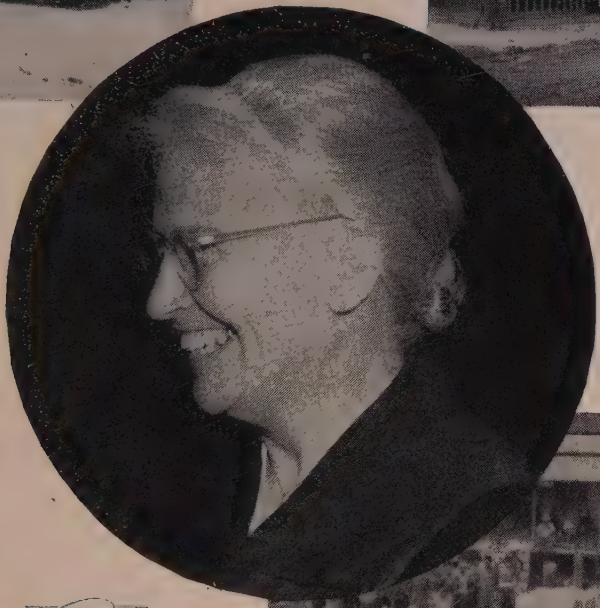
I have now known Miss Wilson for over a year, and wish to say that she is one of the finest characters that it has ever been my privilege to meet. She is completely unselfish and has dedicated her life to bring the Word of God to these people who love her.

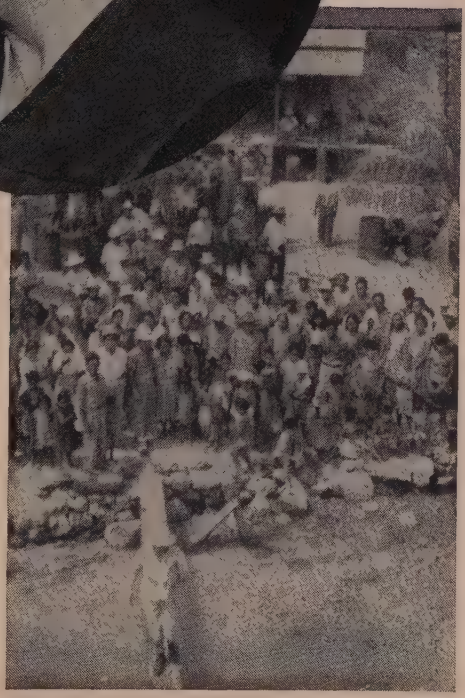
Miss Wilson has also from time to time held services for the Coast Guardsmen who are stationed here, and her devotion has inspired all of us on more than one occasion.

I am returning to the United States very soon. This letter will serve as a memento of the appreciation that all of the Coast Guardsmen under my command feel towards her.

She is a shining example of a true Christian leader, and of such work and devotion to duty that she should certainly not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,
EDWIN L. DOSTER, C.O.
U.S. Coast Guard





Upper left, the home of Eleanor Wilson on Majuro Atoll in the Marshalls. Upper right, the chapel built on Ron Ron Island by the Coast Guardsmen to be used by the native Christians. In the center is Miss Wilson, "a shining example of a true Christian leader." At the right is Miss Wilson leaving Majuro to visit other islands, while her people on Majuro wish her "Godspeed." Miss Wilson is known throughout the islands for her leadership.

Dear Friends Above the Border:

In 1872 two young graduates of the Pacific School of Religion, David A. Watkins and John L. Stephens, seeing the great need for a truly Evangelical Church in Mexico, journeyed to Guadalajara and began work in the name of the Congregational Churches of the North.

THE TASK GROWS

I stood the other afternoon on a street corner in Guadalajara with one of the saints of the Protestant Church in Mexico, Dr. Vincente Mendoza. He told me how, as a little boy, he had been introduced to Christ in the mission house of David Watkins, which had stood on that very corner. The little boy came every night after school to the mission to study the Bible, and to catch the spirit of this good man. Now Mendoza is one of the great "voices" of the evangelical movement. So the task has grown, and still grows.

The Diamond Jubilee, the "Bodas de Diamante" of the Iglesia Congregacional de Mexico was held in Guadalajara from October 6 to 12. Fraternal delegates from our churches in the United States included Dr. and Mrs. Alden H. Clark from our American Board for Foreign Missions, and myself, representing the West Coast of Mexico Commission of the Congregational Conference of Southern California and the Southwest.

Under the able direction of Apolinar Zambrano, pastor of the Guadalajara church, the meetings were well planned and smoothly carried through. Never have I seen so much packed into so brief a time! Starting with "morning watch" at six o'clock, three papers were presented and discussed each morning; three seminar groups met each afternoon, and the evening inspirational service always lasted until after ten o'clock. Yet the delegates, with few exceptions, stayed through, and awake, until the very end!

There were perhaps fifty official delegates, representing our fourteen established Christian churches and the social work and schools in which we are interested. With courage and foresight they faced up to their pressing problems. The conference theme, "The Congregational Churches Facing the Needs of the Country and the World," indicated the spirit of the meetings. On successive days we discussed the place of social work in the church, the relationship between the church and the schools, the problem of securing better leadership for the local church, and the development of the ecumeni-

Kindergarten children of our Instituto Colon in Mexico. At the left, fourth graders dramatize an episode from Mexican history.

cal movement throughout the world.

Certain great needs stood out clearly as the conference progressed. First, there was a desperate need for more and better trained leadership for the churches and schools. Less than half of our churches have adequately trained pastors. Some of the churches were clamoring for a settled minister, but there was no one qualified to send. Much was said about the need for strengthening the Union Seminary in Mexico City and for establishing a school for rural workers.

Our West Coast of Mexico Commission has long been aware that here is the "bottleneck" that prevents the more rapid development of the Evangelical churches south of the border. Other denominations face the same situation, and it is reflected in the pitiful lack of adequate teachers with Protestant background.

We have made some headway in breaking this "bottleneck." Each year we make a grant to the "Junta," which is the conference of churches, to help with pastors' salaries. Some of it is used to send students to the

seminary. Fine young people from the Mexican churches are being brought to the United States for training and sent back to work in specific areas.

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCHES

Elena Ortiz, after training at the Chicago Theological Seminary, is now at work with the Sunday Schools. Arturo Villalobos, after further work at Westminster Choir College, will go back to strengthen their ministry of music. Perhaps the inspirational high point of the anniversary celebration was when the choir of fifty voices under Arturo's direction sang Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in Spanish. The eager response and grateful appreciation of the people, the large number of visitors, indicated that through sacred music there is a wide open door into the heart of Mexico. Much more of this sort of thing calls out to be done.

Then, too, we have recently sent two young missionary couples, Lois and Malcolm Hayes to Guadalajara and Connie and Larry Stanton to Mazatlán. With the help and advice of Margarita Wright, who has long represented us in Guadalajara, and Cedric Crawford, who is superintendent of our Spanish-speaking churches, these young couples are already bringing new life and vigor to the Congregational churches of Mexico. There is urgent, present need for an additional single missionary-educator who would be stationed at Mazatlán.

REHABILITATION

Another need that struck me forcibly was that of repairing and rehabilitating the church and school buildings. Most of the missions of our American Board for Foreign Missions are eligible for a certain amount of help from the Postwar Emergency Program to make "delayed repairs on properties." The Mexico mission is not included in that program, but it, too, requires many repairs that have been too long delayed. The Institute Colon at Guadalajara must be relocated and given more adequate equipment. The Colegio Pacifico at Mazatlán has a splendid location but needs rehabilitation. Not a single church has anything like an adequate plant. The church in Guadalajara is forced to carry on its activities in two locations — more than a mile apart. They have no sanitary facilities in the church building. They carry on under handicaps which would floor the average congregation in the United States.

THE GUADALAJARA CHURCH

I found myself wishing that we could find some way to build a church plant for our Guadalajara church which would enable them to carry on an institutional religious program that could be an example to all of Mexico. There are too many dirty, rundown cathedrals, built not to serve the people but to overawe them. It is a pity that Mexico, at least in our geographic area, has never seen a Protestant church adequately equipped for her task! I suspect that many progressive elements in the city would rally round such a ministry. It would provide a strong "heart" in the center of our mission which would send new life blood to every part of our work.

A third need that impressed me was the longing of the Mexican churches and pastors for a closer fellowship with their fellow Christians in the United States. They are Congregational Christians and proud of it! How much they appreciated the presence of those of us who were fraternal delegates from the United States. They suffer under the fanatical opposition of the dominant Roman Catholic group. They are hopelessly outnumbered. They should be made

A corner of the patio of the Instituto Colon in Guadalajara. It was just seventy-five years ago that J. L. Stevens and David F. Watkins were commissioned to begin our program in Mexico.

to feel that they are actually a part of International Congregationalism and of the World Christian Movement. Although they need financial help sorely, they need even more the spiritual and moral support of our friendship and our prayers.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

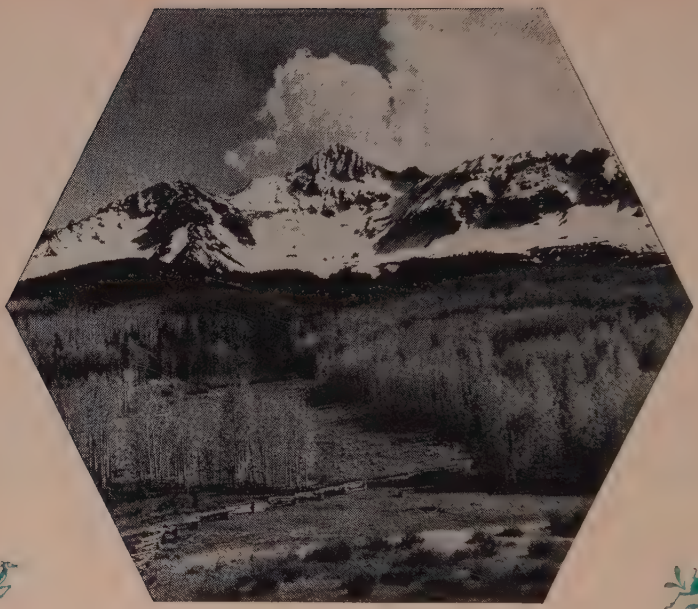
They are very close to us geographically — far closer than any other of the mission fields of our American Board for Foreign Missions. It takes only eight hours to fly to Mazatlán from Los Angeles, or a day and a half by train. Could we not stimulate more two-way traffic between these churches and ours? Are there not teachers who would like to spend a year in Mexico teaching English in one of the schools? Does not the proximity of the work make it an ideal "laboratory" which we could use in educating our constituency concerning methods and objectives in all our fields of service throughout the world?

Perhaps no one is ever really concerned about "missions" until he has seen the need and the results with his own eyes. If every minister of our churches could visit a mission field with real discernment the support of our world-wide missionary enterprises would immediately be doubled and redoubled. In the years to come I hope that many of our ministers and church members will spend their vacations along the West Coast of Mexico. There they will see with their own eyes why "foreign missions" seem to some of us to hold the best hope for tomorrow's world.

If, as the Whitby meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference urged, the cornerstone of our future policy abroad is to be the strengthening of the younger churches of the world, let us not overlook our Congregational churches of Mexico which so desperately need our help.

Sincerely yours,
STUART LEROY ANDERSON

Dr. Anderson is the minister of the First Congregational Church of Long Beach, California, and a member of the Prudential Committee of our American Board for Foreign Missions.



Colorado Springs
COLORADO

Dear Church Friends:

With the lofty summit of Pike's Peak in view against a brilliant autumn sky, 400 members of our Congregational Christian Fellowship from the Midwestern States are gathered in Colorado Springs in late October for an experience of worshipping and sharing and planning that cannot but strengthen every one of our churches represented here.

FORWARD LOOK

Whether a delegate sits with a committee, listens to a report from our college campuses, joins in worship, or hears a challenge from a headline speaker, he senses the vigor and feels the cutting edge of our united effort as a Fellowship of churches.

For example, we get a glimpse, through our American Missionary Association, of opening doors for Puerto Ricans as Zalduondo, our new community center on the Island, develops. We hear the request from other denominations and agencies to set up at our center in Bricks, N. C., a study of education so that the true freedom of Negro Americans may be assured in our time.

We are amazed at the story of dozens of new churches growing up in developing suburban cities. We respond to the arresting pronouncement of the Laymen's Commission that our laymen are now unitedly at work to overcome spiritual inertia, pettiness in church affairs and divisiveness among Christians as a whole.

PERSONALITIES

Lloyd L. Lorbeer is here, manager of our high schools and training schools at Pasumalai, with his deep

insight into India's struggle and his understanding of her need. Betty Long, one of our six representatives at the Oslo Conference, relays for the youth of seventy-four countries their faith in the Evangel as the greatest force with which to meet the world's emergency.

Francis W. McPeek, newly appointed secretary of Industrial Relations for the Council of Social Action, urges our interest in the crucial work of his department, including the experimental "Labor Letter" published by his office. Roger E. Mastrude, the new Educational Director of the Race Relations Department of our American Missionary Association, is firm in his conviction that the churches can educate the world for actual brotherhood.

Not least among us is Jim Taylor, son of Superintendent Arthur W. Taylor of Nebraska and a Junior High School student, who, with his face already set toward the Christian ministry, is missing three days of school for "another kind of education" at Colorado Springs, getting autographs here and there of persons whose pictures and stories he had clipped and mounted from issues of *The Missionary Herald.*

SOME FEATURES

The solemn beauty of Colorado College's Shrove Chapel, the trained young voices of the college choir, the trek to La Foret, which is the Colorado Conference Camp in the Black Forest, and the high moments when Howard J. Conn of our Plymouth Church in Minneapolis leads the great company to meditate on "Living Out of the Overflow," reconvince us of the resources to be found in God and in the Christian witness.

All of these experiences are holding our minds to high places, binding us together with the strong cord of friendliness. And we are all very grateful to our host church, the

Among those at the Colorado Springs meeting were the Superintendents of many of our Conferences. Here they are (below) around the luncheon table to plan cooperatively their programs.

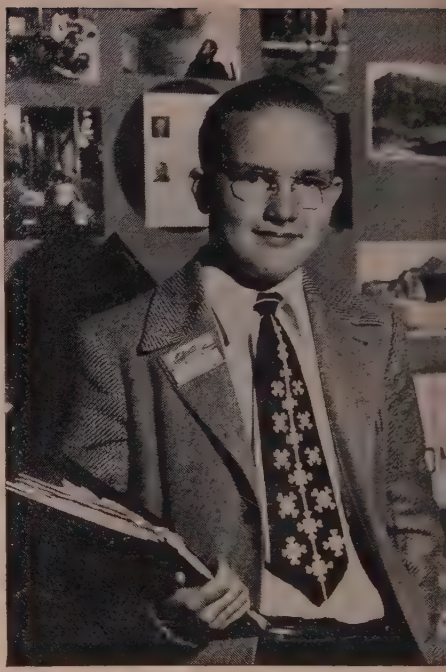
smallest ever to entertain our Midwest Meeting, and for the courtesy of the members of Colorado's delegation who, to make room for every guest, are themselves housed in tourist cabins fifty miles away.

Very real in our concern and fellowship, as representatives present their several causes, are many who can not join us in person. There are, for example, the thousand American Indian members of our denominational family living on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota, carrying on just now a losing contest for their land as the great Missouri Valley public power project develops.

An impression of great vigor is given by the laymen of five churches in a Wyoming parish of 3,000 square miles. They were introduced *in absentia* by their pastor, Lawrence P. Juell, who told of how they augment their minister's services by occupying pulpits, visiting in homes miles from the churches, and promoting benevolences. One church spends in behalf of others three dollars for every one that is expended for local expenses!

Dr. Frank J. Scribner, secretary of our Ministerial Relief Division, is not letting us forget "the veterans forgotten by their comrades — faithful ministers left at their posts long after they should have been relieved" — our Eleazors, as he calls them.

And we have been almost near enough spiritually to clasp hands with more distant brothers as reports come in of the two outcaste members of India's new cabinet; of the Japanese Christian woman who, being allowed to help in no other way, read through the New Testament six times during the war to "find the way"; of the Philippine Islands, where more churches are being built than the war destroyed; of the eager ones, who, on the shores of the Marshalls and Carolines, await the



One of the youngest delegates was Jim Taylor who "cut" school (reluctantly) to be present.

coming of *Morning Star VI*; and of the thousands of students in our church-related colleges, among whom chaplains are increasing the Christian emphasis.

POSTWAR EMERGENCY PROGRAM

Yet the sum of all we are thinking and planning and doing is very far from enough.

We are losing churches every year. Scores of them are closed for lack of pastors. Students in India, eager to train for the ministry, cannot enter our seminaries because of insufficient housing. Forty-eight per cent of our American people are not even remotely connected with any church or synagogue. In Italy, Greece and China people still starve. In Holland, England and Poland people face this winter with no heat.

Delinquency statistics continue to mount higher every year.

So the Midwest Regional Meeting is giving prior attention to the remaining year of our three-year Postwar Emergency Program.

Dynamic addresses report facts about this Program — thrilling in their testimony to the response of many of our churches, shocking in their revelation of the apathy of many who might contribute largely.

Leaders in our Women's Fellowship urge the use of the Unseen Guest Meals all over our land. Our laymen and laywomen plan redoubled efforts to make known the needs. Conference Superintendents are checking the progress of their Conferences, setting dates for special offerings, for visitation to local churches by consecrated teams, for

Women, representing our various boards, were very active in all important deliberations.

Every Member Canvasses that include programs of evangelism and education as well as the securing of individual gifts from those who can and will give more.

WORDS TO REMEMBER

Sounded from the platform — relayed from east to west, from north to south, and to every one of us — are words of wisdom and challenge such as these:

"If man is to master the machine, he must make forever secure peace among men." This by Francis W. McPeek.

"Do we commend what we teach?" So asks President Ronald Bridges.

"There is no way for a man to come to terms with Christianity without having his private affairs invaded. The gospel is the only source of knowledge about the ultimate meaning of our life." Thus speaks Truman B. Douglass.

"It is easier to fight for a principle than to live for a principle. Missionary zeal combined with social understanding can destroy the toxin of prejudice." These are the words of President Charles S. Johnson.

Thus, on the high plateau of Colorado, with the Rocky Mountains rising above us at a distance and yet so near, we remember the ancient promise and in our hearts echoes the Psalmist's intrepid refrain:

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

"My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

"He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

"Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

Respectfully submitted,
IONE CATTON

Miss Catton is a Resource Secretary of our Missions Council.

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THE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE

of The General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches

287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

The Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life is happy to present to the readers of The Missionary Herald a new member of its staff, the Rev. Elmer S. Freeman, who will be the Assistant Executive, with headquarters at 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. He comes to the Commission from a background of almost twenty-five years of parish work, during which evangelism and worship have been among his special and particular interests.

Mr. Freeman was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1922, in the Protestant Episcopal diocese of California, and served Episcopal churches in California, the Hawaiian Islands, and New York State.

After ten years, he resigned his orders in the Episcopal church, and shortly thereafter assumed full standing in the ministry of the Congregational churches. His first parish as a Congregational minister was Essex Community Church, Chicago, and his second, the one he now leaves to come to the Commission, the First Congregational Church of Menasha, Wisconsin.

He is the author of a book, The Lord's Supper in Protestantism, published two years ago, and a number of articles, pamphlets, and worship materials. Currently he is working on a new book on worship, and is the author of The Fellowship of Prayer for 1948.

Mr. Freeman was born in Bantam, Connecticut, and lived for a number of years at Tarrytown, New York. Moving to California, he completed high school and college work in San Jose, California, receiving the B.A. degree from the College of the Pacific in 1919. During the first World War he served in the Medical Corps, and following the Armistice studied at the Sorbonne University, Paris.

His seminary work was done at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, San Francisco. Following the denominational reaffiliation, he also did work at Chicago Theological Seminary, and received its B.D. degree in 1938.

Sincerely yours,
WOFFORD C. TIMMONS

THE

WASHINGTON REPORT

JANUARY, 1948

The Legislative Committee
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Fellow Americans and Christians:

Complex economic and political problems can be set forth in simple, fundamental symbols today in Washington.

BREAD

Here, for example, is one: "Give us this day . . . bread."

Bread, a symbol of religious fellowship in the sacrament of Holy Communion, is now also the symbol of elemental kinship between man and man everywhere. It is the key to our foreign policy, for America must now share its bread with Europe if economic and political chaos is to be prevented. We must use our national resources in such a way during the next four years, under the Marshall Plan, that Europe may soon recover its economic, political, and moral stature and its hope for a constructive future. In this way alone may peace be made possible.

Bread is also the touchstone of our immediate domestic policy. Americans must conserve food voluntarily, and, acting together through government, control the supplies and prices of food and other essential goods. In this way our nation may share bountiful, God-given resources in an equitable manner among all our own citizens, and send the aid that is so desperately needed by people throughout the world.

RIGHTS

Here is another example of a simple axiom that expresses a great principle: "To secure these rights . . ."

No statement of the democratic ideal is more precious to us than our Bill of Rights.

Today, the rights of free men to safety and security of person, to full citizenship, to freedom of conscience and expression, and to equality of opportunity are being tested in many parts of the world, including our own country.

Emotional and unprincipled political and economic attacks have recently been leveled at the basic rights of American citizens. In this critical hour, the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights takes on an historic importance. For it serves us well as a charter to guard and advance the principles of freedom on which democratic government in the United States has been built. Our nation cannot stand before the world with sincerity and conviction until this charter is made a living reality.

WRATH

And here is a third example: "Grapes of Wrath . . ."

The soul of America has always shown itself at its greatest when we have remembered and have helped those who are being trampled, hurt, forgotten: the aged and the sick, those who are inadequately fed and poorly housed, the unemployed, and those American nomads . . . the migrants . . . who wander north, south, east and west, looking for a job.

Today the migrants are again tasting the bitter dregs of suffering and neglect. Camps which the government once provided for them are now being sold, in some cases on the auction block. Hospital and medical care, centers for migrant children, welfare, recreational and other social services, formerly provided out of public funds, are being liquidated. This renews the challenge to American justice. It calls for decisive action.

Conscientious Christian citizens can never rest in spiritual peace while people anywhere are hungry, where the rights of freedom are abridged, when justice is denied. This is today's message from Washington to our churches.

Cordially yours,
THOMAS B. KEEHN

Mr. Keehn is the Legislative Secretary of our Council for Social Action.

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Through seminars, the Legislative Committee of the Council for Social Action promotes discussion of the major issues. Below, Mr. Keehn addresses a committee in our nation's capital.

Groutville
SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Friends in America:

More than three months have gone by since our first letter was written, telling about our journey here to Africa. And now we can tell you some things about Groutville.

RURAL LIFE

As you have guessed, Groutville is strictly rural. Even our parish in New Hampshire was never like this. There is really no nearby village, although half a mile from our house is what might be called a little settlement, and three miles away is a little railroad station, a post office, and a telephone office (all in one building — all government owned). There is no public mail delivery, so we hire a native schoolboy to bring ours every day. At the foot of our hill are the native church and school. And we have a flagstop on the railroad just half a mile away.

Our trunks and household goods have come. A big wagon, pulled by eighteen oxen, hauled our things from the station to the Mission house. How exciting it was! Peter called them "lions" and Linda wanted to know who milked all "those cows." Our poor ignorant city children!

PERIOD OF CRISIS

In every letter we write, we feel a great urgency to say something about South Africa in general, for everything we do here, and all we shall be able to do, is conditioned by the situation in this country.

South Africa gets into the news when the King visits, or a new gold field is discovered, but those things are of superficial importance.

South Africa is suspended between two worlds, one dead, the other waiting to be born. It is a period of crisis. There are some who keep beating the old corpse and then wait for a miracle to bring it back to life. They keep on piping an ancient tune that is no longer music to our ears. As the theme of the new music begins to make itself heard, the old jarring tune is piped out ever more passionately by those who are frantically determined to drown the newer harmonies by sheer volume of noise and repetition.

OUTMODED TUNE

What is this outmoded tune? It is simply this: "Subjugation and segregation for the non-Europeans." And it is into that darkening era, back to the dead and dying standards of the old order, back to that sickening and rotting world, that these diehards (perhaps half the white population) would lead their country like pied pipers of social doom.

Above, a morning prayer service in one of our African missions. Left, the members of one of our Zulu churches congregate to worship. Below, children of another of our missions receive their Bibles. Writer Bergsman states that Africa is suspended between two worlds, one dead, the other about to be born. But the finger of the future points away from the dead world, to a new world in which there will be no subjugation and segregation for the Africans.

But the finger of the future points in the opposite direction, away from that dead world: dead, because the epoch which created it, the mentality which fostered and accepted it, and the despotism which nurtured it are all dead, dying, or impotent, and belong to a time that has been too long in passing. Gradually, white South Africa is awakening to the

The School of Music, a department of our Adams College, has a modern, up-to-date building.

fact that the self-preservation of society lies not in the subjugation and segregation of people but in their enfranchisement and democratic advance. White South Africa will save itself only by saving its black brother, before both are lost in the chaos of a continuing strangulation of each other.

White South Africans have been congenitally color blind — not that they are unable to distinguish colors, but they cannot see anything else but the color of the human skin. By seduction, through liquor and license, the Bantu was brought into the cities to work as "cheap labor" in kitchen, gardens, mines and factories.

CHRISTIAN MOTIVES

If white South Africa is to enjoy any measure of security and prosperity, the Bantu must be assured of a share in these same values. But is mere self-preservation a high enough motive? Hardly so. Shall we pretend to treat the black man as a brother only because we think our own interests will be served by such seemingly good conduct?

Men who have no more incentive than that will stammer and wilt and yield as soon as the battle looks doubtful. We must meet the black man and help him, with some cost to ourselves, because our motive is Christian. We must be driven to defend and aid him because he is really our brother.

We missionaries are somewhat like slow-motion midwives. For we must deal not only with the mother and child — but also with the nurse who is far from sure that the child is worth caring for, and with a group of misguided rascals who are trying to burn down the delivery room in the hope of preventing or retarding the birth. Our work is mostly with the native population, but we have many opportunities to plant seed, if not to harvest a crop in the white community. Time marches on (very slowly down here) but it is going forward.

Best wishes to all our friends. We are always glad to receive letters, and we send our thanks to all those who have remembered to write.

Sincerely yours,
LEE D. BERGSMAN

Mr. Bergsman was appointed a Congregational Christian missionary to Africa in 1946 by our American Board for Foreign Missions. Photos page 44 by Religious News Service.

"... and then that'll be done"

FRANK J. SCRIBNER

A minister newly settled in a parish, answered the doorbell one morning and met a little girl, whom, fortunately, he recognized as the daughter of a parishioner. His visitor looked up at him, big with the sense of her mission, and recited all in one breath, "My mama says can you and Mrs. Blank come over to our house for dinner Thursday evening and then that'll be done."

Nineteen forty eight ushers in the final year of the Unit Plan. After careful study of all the factors involved in the situation, the National Committee has set this year for the completion of the project originally planned to continue through 1951. The first million, traditionally the hardest, is already in hand. One more year of consecrated effort and of generous responses from our churches and individuals will bring us to the $1,200,000 which is our goal. "And then that'll be done."

THE END IN SIGHT

It has not too often happened that our denomination has accomplished a project and definitely retired it from our program. It will be a wonderful satisfaction to announce that the task we set ourselves in 1942 has been satisfactorily accomplished in full. It will be a multiplied satisfaction to announce that the period originally set has been shortened by thirty per cent. It will be a great contribution to the other projects that the denomination has in hand, to have this great achievement a matter of history and to have time and energy free for other things. Just to have accomplished the task will mark a milestone in our history.

THE REAL PURPOSE

But we are not thinking only or mainly in terms of a splendid record completed. We have never lost sight of the real purpose for which the Unit Plan has been promoted. Six years ago, 1200 of our ministers and ministers' widows were facing the reduction of their pitifully small retirement allowances ($500 for a minister, $300 for a minister's widow) by twenty-five per cent. That reduction, which was a grim fear in 1942, is unthinkable today. It will be definitely impossible at the end of this year. Not only of the Unit Plan as a denominational project but of the possibility of human tragedy which it was organized to prevent, we can say, "And then that'll be done."

ONE MORE YEAR

One more year remains and it must be the best year of the seven. Not only we of the Unit Plan Committee, but the members of our Original Plan who still number more than 1,000 are looking with confidence to the Unit Plan workers in the various states and to the generous givers in our churches to bring this great task to its triumphant conclusion. Every day of the year must count. Every prospective giver must be approached. Every possible gift must become actual. And when the news goes forth a year from now, we will say not "And then that'll be done," but "IT IS DONE."

Send gifts to the Unit Plan Chairman of your Conference or to The Unit Plan, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Make checks payable to The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers.

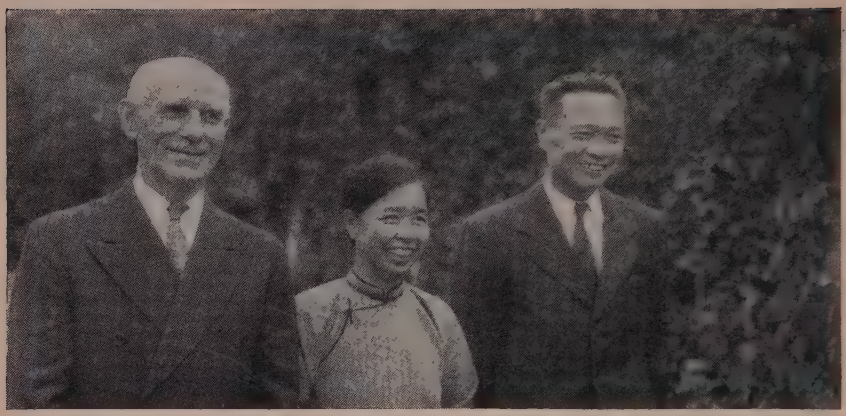
ABOUT PEOPLE ABROAD

DOROTHY P. CUSHING

YOU BET WE ARE BACK IN JAPAN AGAIN

To prove it, here is a picture just received from the group at Kyoto. Reading left to right, *front row:* Dr. Esther L. Hibbard; Dr. Alice (Mrs. Otis) Cary; Darley Downs; Robert H. Grant; — *second row*: Jean H. (Mrs. Robert) Grant; Miss Alice E. Gwinn; Mrs. Mary E. (Mrs. William Q.) McKnight; Miss Frances B. Clapp; — *back row:* John G. Young; Otis Cary; William Q. McKnight. *Others in Japan are:* Frank and Rosamond Cary, Kobe; Miss Angie Crew, Kobe; Dr. Charlotte B. DeForest, Kobe; Miss Sarah M. Field, Kobe; Miss Grace H. Stowe, Kobe; Miss Mary E. Stowe (retired), Kobe; Mrs. Lucille (Darley) Downs, Kyoto; the Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood F. Moran, Osaka.

On reaching Japan, Darley Downs, a "veteran" Japan resident, expressed his conviction that the welcome of the Japanese to the returning missionaries and their desire for restored fellowship with Western Christians were genuine. The same reaction has come from a new missionary, Robert H. Grant. "I think," adds Mr. Grant, "that the great problem in these years of defeat is not to make Japan a fourth-rate imitation of America, but to preserve those Japanese things that contribute to a world culture and adopt foreign things that do likewise."



THREE INTERESTING PEOPLE. Left to right: Dr. Frank C. Laubach, now in Africa, developing or revising twelve teaching charts — now accompanied by his son, Robert S. Laubach, as literacy apprentice and "reporter"; Mrs. Katherine Hsueh, who, with her husband, Donald Hsueh, heads up Foochow College, visited the U.S.A. to enroll daughter at Oberlin College and renew old friendships; C. Y. Ch'en of Tunghsien, North China, Principal of Jefferson Academy in which Broadway Tabernacle, New York City, has a major interest. Mr. Ch'en has been visiting our churches and studying educational methods en route to China after attending the important Congregational International Council Committee Meeting in Bournemouth, England, this summer. Both Mrs. Hsueh and Mr. Ch'en plan to return to China in January.

DR. MIAO COMES TO AMERICA. Dr. Fu Sheng Miao has a name well known to Congregational Christian churches in the U.S.A. He was actually born in Taiku hospital back in the days of the beloved Dr. Willoughby A. Hemingway, father of Isabel Hemingway, R.N., who now works with Dr. Miao.

"Dr. Miao is one of a group of able people who kept up work when missionaries had to leave and drop all. He is also one of the future leaders of church effort," writes Nurse Hemingway. If all went well Dr. Miao reached California early in December.

SAILINGS SINCE NOV. 1

China: Miss Louise Meebold, Fenchow; Miss Jennie Jacobs, R.N., Foochow.

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Africa: The Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Henderson (newly appointed), Portugal for year of language study, then Angola; Miss Mary W. Hurlbut, Elende; the Rev. and Mrs. Carl R. Dille, Elende; Dr. and Mrs. Gladwyn M. Childs, Dondi; Miss Lavinia Scott, Inanda.

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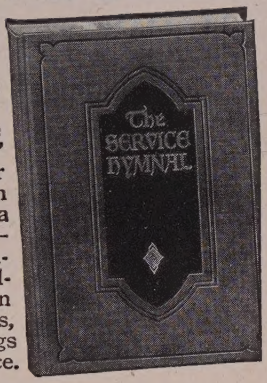

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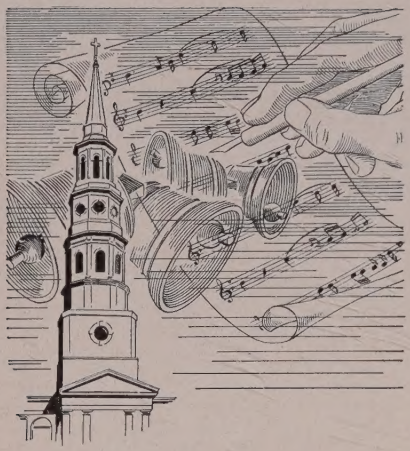
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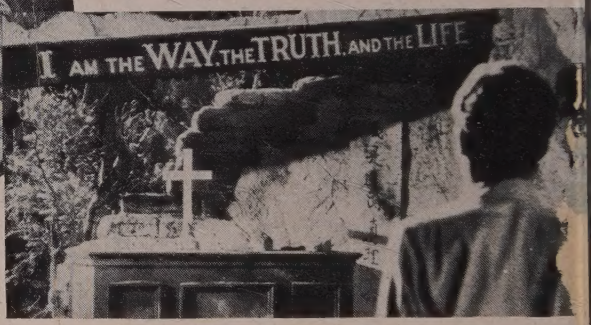

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